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ANOTHER STEP IN DELHI TALKS

Bengals And Assam To Set Up Machinery

NEHRU AND LIAQUAT ALI MEET AGAIN

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI).

THE INDO-PAKISTAN discussions which entered the third day today have covered the question of instituting a machinery in East and West Bengal and in Assam, charged with the task of implementing the general understanding already reached between the two Governments concerning the wellbeing and protection of the minorities in either countries, it is learned.

Pandit Nehru and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan met for over an hour and a half this afternoon. This meeting was followed by a conference between Pandit Nehru and his Cabinet colleagues.

In the evening the President Dr. Rajendra Prasad received Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan. The meeting lasted nearly three quarters of an hour and is said to be a courtesy call as the President is leaving on tour tomorrow.

Talks between Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan and Pandit Nehru will be resumed tomorrow and are expected to be continued on Thursday.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is expected to meet the Pakistan Prime Minister tomorrow.

RETURN OF REFUGEES

According to informed quarters the machinery whose constitution, scope and functions are now under consideration is said to form an important part of a general agreement on the minorities question. Present indications are West Bengal, East Bengal and Assam will set up bodies or commissions consisting of the representatives of the majority and minority communities in their respective States.

It will be the task of these commissions to ensure the implementation of the overall agreement reached between the governments of Pakistan and India. The complaints of the minorities in these areas will be inquired into by these commissions which are expected to make prompt recommendations to their respective governments for the redress of the grievances.

It is understood that these commissions will undertake to facilitate the return of the minorities that have fled, to assist in the rehabilitation of the returning refugees and generally to protect the interest of minorities and their property if left behind.

HIGHPOWER COMMITTEE

Besides the setting up of commissions in these provinces it is understood both the governments are also actively examining a proposal for the establishment of an inter-government highpower committee. The task of this body will generally be confined to an overall supervision of the work of the commissions and maintain inter-State liaison and take up matters which might require consideration at a higher level.

It is understood both the governments are carefully examining the details of this proposal which when it is given effect to is expected to function effectively in the implementation of the general agreement.

No official communique was issued tonight on the course of the talks.

League Wishes Liaquat Success In Delhi Talks

KARACHI, April 4 (PTI): The Muslim League Parliamentary Party wished Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan Prime Minister, success in his amity talks with the Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, at New Delhi.

In their message the Muslim League Parliamentary Party said "We trust our efforts to promote peace and create better understanding among the peoples of Bharat and Pakistan will succeed and the minorities in both the countries will be enabled to live without fear and with complete freedom in their homes."

Assam Arrests

SILCHAR (Assam), April 4 (PTI): More than two dozen persons were arrested here during the last three days under the Preventive Detention Act. They included Shri Mohitosh Purkayashtha, Assistant Secretary INTUC (Cacher branch), who is also a press correspondent, and Shri Sunil Datta Roy, President, Students' Congress.

Some Muslims including Messrs. Ashikuddin Ahmed, Zilkadar Ali Laskar, and Ambarali Laskar have been taken into custody in connection with recent disturbances in Silchar subdivision.

The situation in this sub-division is under control and strong police and military pickets have been posted in the disturbed areas.

Kher Confined To Bed

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

On account of a slight heart attack, Chief Minister Kher has been confined to bed for the last few days. He has been advised by his doctors to take rest for some time more and and not to give any interviews.

PRESIDENT'S BLESSINGS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

COMMENDING the introduction of total Prohibition in the State of Bombay, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian Republic, in a message to the people and the Government of the State says:

"Prohibition is one of the cornerstones of the new society of Gandhiji's dreams. It pleases me greatly to find that the Government of the Bombay State is earnestly trying to bring about the realisation of such a Society by a policy aimed at total Prohibition. I am convinced that in the long run, this policy will benefit the workers and the peasants of that State. I wish all success to the efforts of that Government in this direction".

President Will Be Here Today

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

PRESIDENT PRASAD will arrive in Bombay from New Delhi by special plane on Wednesday to inaugurate the Prohibition Week. He will reach Santa Cruz airport at 11-15 a.m. The President will be received by Chief Minister Kher and other Ministers of Bombay.

An elaborate programme has been drawn up by the specially appointed Prohibition Week Celebration Committee. The Prohibition Week will be formally inaugurated by Dr. Prasad on Thursday at a mass meeting at Chowpatty which will be presided over by the Congress President Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya.

On Wednesday, Dr. Prasad will visit the Special Prohibition Exhibition at "Chetana", Rampart Row, Fort, Bombay. The Exhibition will subsequently be open to the public for eight days.

At 12 midnight on Wednesday, Prohibition Minister L. M. Patil will unfurl the National Flat at Nardulla Tank. Mr. G. D. Vartak, Local Self-Government Minister, will address the gathering

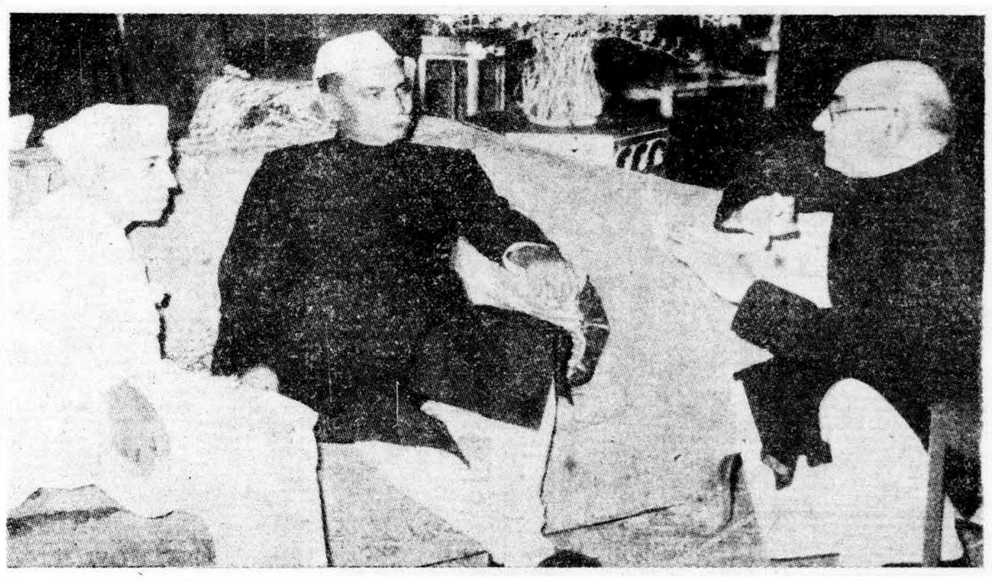
Several torchlight processions will start from various points earlier and culminate at Nardulla Tank.

The highlights of the Prohibition Week programme, which will conclude on April 12, are sports competitions, aquatic acrobatics, cultural programmes and camp fires

Pakistan Permit Office Holiday

BOMBAY, Tuesday: A press communique issued by the Permit Officer for Pakistan in India announced today that his office will observe a holiday on Good Friday, April 7.

PARTY TO PAKISTAN PREMIER



President Rajendra Prasad gave a dinner in honour of Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan at the Government House. All Cabinet Ministers and high officials of the External Affairs Ministry attended. In the snap above are Prime Minister Nehru, President Prasad and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan.

UPHOLD THE TRICOLOUR AND BANISH VIOLENCE

Pattabhi's Message On Eve Of National Week

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI).

THE Congress President Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya in a message on the eve of the National Week has called for purity in personal life, integrity in mutual relations and probity in national character.

"In the first year after the due declaration of India as a Sovereign Democratic Republic by the Constituent Assembly", he said, "there can be no more appropriate occasion for a pious and firm national resolve than the celebration of the thirty-year old National Week, to uphold the Tricolour Flag of India with the Dharma Chakra emblazoned thereon, to strive for the due establishment of a Co-operative Commonwealth which is the new object of the Congress and to secure the final ostracism of violence as the arbiter of international dispute.

"In adhering to the principle of truth as our strategy and non-violence as our tactics and depending upon the two as the sole means of emancipating our motherland, we have marched along untried and untrodden paths in the national struggle; yet the Father of the Nation has had the rare reward, in his own lifetime, of fulfilment of his plans.

AVOID DELUSIONS

"While thus rejoicing over this unique achievement, we must nevertheless avoid any delusions or sense of false security—under the belief that all is well in our country for it is deeply afflicted, as no one can deny, by latent inter-communal discords as well as the patent insidious virus of Communism.

"The restraint placed on the normal life of the nation in the way of controls are but a passing phase of national life which may not divert the country's attention from the more treacherous problems of communalism and Communism. The former puts us under those whom nature hath united while the latter drives out the God from temple and tabernacle, morality from family life and property limited as it may be, from social organisation.

"We shall be true to the traditions of our civilization as well as the teachings of our patriarch only when we place the spirit above matter and morals above pelf.

"Let us therefore make up our minds not to be greedy and grabbing ourselves, not to defraud others in trade, to keep our weights and measures in business correct, to maintain the integrity of our spoken word, and always place the country's cause above personal considerations.

ABIDING NUSERY

"It is unfortunate that the first year of our Republic should have witnessed a recrudescence of communal feuds and bloodshed in all their fury in Bengal. While we may well leave a certain margin for exaggeration and excitement of passions, the fact remains that the sufferings of the innocent are indescribable while the wicked undeniably prosper at others expenses.

"It is the time for the Congress and the Sarvodaya organizations to step in. The former in particular should lay aside its internal dissensions which have more or less weakened the organization and stultified its energies The latter works with pity and fervour

"Any lingering communal prejudice or predilection is not a source of passing mischief but the enemy of abiding misery in the land. No amount of preaching against communal organizations will yield tangible results so

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A HEART IS MISPLACED

MOGA, April 4 (U.P.I.).

BORN with a misplaced heart an eight-year old boy, son of a local leather merchant is baffling expert medical opinion. He has his heart on the right side instead of the usual left.

The misplaced heart has however, developed certain curious disabilities in the boy. He breathes with difficulty like an asthma patient, his tongue is blue coloured and watery substance accumulates on the tips of his fingers. He is becoming weaker day by day and finds it difficult to walk without assistance.

The boy has since been examined by many hospitals and physicians and prominent medicalmen everywhere are reported to have expressed their inability to cure the disease. They said it was incurable except in Russia or the U.S.A.

RECORD FLIGHT DELAYED STILL

Early Repairs Not Possible

CALCUTTA, April 4 (PTI): The American couple—Robert and Diana Bixby—on a round-the-world record flight, who had to return to Dum Dum yesterday due to engine trouble, were unable to resume their journey today as the engine could not be rendered fit.

An official of the B.O.A.C. who is attending to the machine—a Mosquito aircraft—in which the couple are flying, told the PTI that the aircraft was not built by the Rolls Royce, but by the Packard Company of America in 1945. The production of this particular engine and spare parts had now ceased and certain parts of this engine were not directly inter?changeable with similar Rolls Royce engine. BOAC were obtaining assistance of their Karachi centre and advice from the Rolls Royce in the repair work, but it would not be possible to say with certainty till tomorrow how and when repairs could be effected.

TRAIN ACCIDENT AT JAHANABAD

Three Men Hurt

PATNA, April 4 (UPI).—Three passengers sustained minor abrasions when the 87-Up Patna-Ranchi Express was involved in an accident last night at Jahanabad station.

The Divisional Superintendent, Dinapore, in a press note in this connection, says:—"At about 23.40 hours on the night of 3rd/4th April, a rear bogie of 87 Up Patna-Ranchi Express was derailed of two wheels while entering Jahanabad station. Three persons received minor abrasion and they preferred to carry on with their journey by the same train. They were attended to by railway authorities both at Jahanabad and at Gaya.

"This derailment caused a breakdown of through communication. Passengers were transhipped at Jahanabad into an empty rake which had been worked up there for this purpose and brought to Patna. The derailed bogie was re-railed and through running resumed at 9-30 a.m. on 4th. The cause of the accident is under investigation."

Ghulam Mohammed For U. S.

KARACHI, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): Pakistan Finance Minister Ghulam Mohammed leaves Karachi for London on April 20, it was authoritatively learned here tonight. After a stay in London of about one week, he is expected to go on to the United States.

BRITAIN'S DOLLAR RESERVES UP

Rose By 296 Millions In First Quarter

LONDON, April 4 (PTI-Reuter).

BRITAIN'S gold and dollar reserves rose by 296 million dollars in the first quarter of this year, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, told Parliament today.

In a statement on the gold and dollar position, the Chancellor said that in the first quarter of this year the Sterling Area earned a net gold and dollar surplus of 40 million dollars compared with a deficit of 31 million in the fourth quarter of 1949.

On March 31, 1950 the gold and dollar reserves stood at 1,984 million dollars compared with 1,688 million dollars on December 31, 1949 and 2,241 million dollars at March 31, 1948 immediately before the European recovery programme was put into operation, he said.

GRATIFYING

"The results of these last six months are undoubtedly gratifying", he declared.

"Whatever the results of a more detailed analysis, they reveal that we and the rest of the Sterling Area have made a further advance in our long and ardous campaign to close the dollar gap".

Warning against complacency or overestimating progress, the Chancellor said to the extent that last quarters results benefitted by seasonal increases, Britain must expect that a corresponding seasonal decline would adversely affect results in the months immediately ahead.

These effects, unlike the more permanent benefits of devaluation, would quickly pass.

Nor could they be certain that the present level of demand for exports from the Sterling to the Dollar Area would be indefinitely continued or that prices would be maintained.

Buenos Aires Paralysed By Seamen's Strike

BUENOS AIRES, April 4. (PTI): A 48-hour seamen's strike today paralysed 98 per cent of this busy sea port's activities.

The General Confederation of Marine Workers Union called the walk out on demands for better welfare and economic conditions.

DISCRETION

WASHINGTON, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): The United States has cancelled a plan to give a display of American naval and air power at Bangkok, Thailand, next month.

A State Department official said the Thai Government had recommended that a later date would be more suitable for such a demonstration.

The original tentative plan was to send 50 or more planes from the United States aircraft carrier Boxer to drop bouquets over Bangkok during the coronation ceremonies of King Phumiphon Adulet.

QUESTIONS BEFORE U. N. O.

Stop Irresponsible Comments

MADRAS, April 4. (PTI): Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University and Chairman of the Executive Board of the World Health Organisation, today deprecated the practice of certain responsible persons in India in "not hesitating to give out their views and suggesting remedies on questions referred to the U. N. O. for international arbitration".

Dr Mudaliar was speaking on "the United Nations organisations" at a Rotary Club dinner tonight.

When important questions were being discussed at the U. N. O., he said, it should be the Foreign Minister or the Head of the State who could give expression of their views concerning these and not every individual simply because he was a place in Parliament or he can command a platform or Press

This practice, he added would do "incalculable harm to the organisation and the country".

One must realise, Dr. Mudaliar said, that there was a corresponding amount of responsibility on the part of nationals of any country to think little more carefully when subjects concerning international arbitration were before the U. N. O

As a member of the U. N. O our first and foremost duty should be to strengthen that organisation in such a manner that it would be of effective assistance to our country and the world at large, he added.

Polio Victims

GENEVA, April 4. (PTI-Reuter): More than 20 per cent of India's crippled children are maimed by infantile paralysis, according to a World Health Organisation report published here today.

A team of polio specialists, sent out by the health organisation after an epidemic in Bombay last year, reported the disease "strikingly present" in every large city studied.

The team, headed by American specialist, Dr. Nephin Kezerian, recommended setting up training centres in major cities

The report said physiotherapy, strongest hope for the stricken children, was almost non-existent in India.

Britain To Build New Atomic Station

LONDON, April 4 (PTI-Reuter).

BRITAIN is to build a new atomic energy establishment, it was officially announced here today.

A Ministry of Supply announcement said that it would be constructed at Aldermaston, near Reading, Berkshire

The site was a bomber airfield during the war and has since been occupied by the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Construction work, starting now, will take several years, and a substantial labour force will be used, the announcement said. "As in the case of other atomic energy establishments, precautions will be taken to ensure that no harmful effect to the neighbouhhood will arise from the work to be carried out at this new establishment", it added. The Supply Ministry spokesman, who released the statement, refused to add any further information.

FUTURE NEUTRALITY OF BRITAIN

Independent Labour To Seek Assurance

WHITLEY BAY (Northumberland), April 4 (PTI-Reuter): Britain's "Splinter" Independent Labour Party, from which the main Labour movement sprang, will call on the Government "to declare now that Britain will be neutral in any future world conflict", if a resolution at its annual conference here this week-end is carried.

The Independent Labour Party, which after abandoning political contests returned to the fray at the February general election with no success, will also discuss a "no conscription" resolution and another "condemning the exploitation of the peoples of Africa".

A further resolution will disapprove the Government's "warm support of the monarchy".

Pakistanis Arrested

AMBALA April 4 (PTI): Two Pakistan nationals, who had entered Karnal district without permits, were arrested last week at Shahabad and Pundri near here.

Case Against Bullion Association Filed

BOMBAY, Tuesday: A case was filed in the Bombay High Court today by a merchant of the Bombay Bullion Association, praying that an injunction be issued to restrain the Association from carrying into effect a resolution passed by it providing for the imposition of a margin on bullion buyings, the United Press of India learns.

It is further learnt that the petitioner has also challenged the validity of the resolution passed by the Association on April 1 this year.

It is understood that the preliminary hearing has been fixed for tomorrow.

In the meantime, the Bombay Bullion Board has called an emergency meeting of its Directors to consider the situation arising from the suit which has been filed in the Bombay High Court.

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NOTICE

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G.I.P. RLY—TENDERS

THE DISTRICT CONTROLLER, Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T. will receive sealed tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 17-4-1950 for the Handling and Transport work at the following Railway Grainshops.

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(3) Lonavla	(4) Sholapur
(5) Manmad	(6) Nasik Road

Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the office of the Assistant Controller, Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway, Poona.

AN EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT OF RS. 100/- HAS BEEN, FIXED FOR EACH STATION and the amount of tender deposit may be remitted at any station on this Railway or deposited with the Chief Cashier, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T. The money receipt obtained should be sumbitted with the tender: otherwise the tender will not be considered.

Tenders will be opened at 15-00 hrs. on 17-4-1950 in the office room of the District Controller, Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T. Tenderers will be permitted to be present when the tenders are opened. 7497

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY,
CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT,
Secretariat, Bombay.

APPLICATIONS are invited for a temporary post of personal Assistant to the Statistician to Government, Civil Supplies Department, Bombay. The selected candidate will have to join duty immediately after appointment.
PAY: Rs. 320-20-440.
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AGE: Between 25 to 35 years on 1st April, 1950.
Applications giving particulars regarding age, domicile, qualifications and experience, etc. should reach the Establishment Officer, Civil Supplies Department, Secretariat, on or before 20th April 1950.
Date: 3rd April, 1950. (7517)

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC ARE INFORMED that on THURSDAY, the 6th April, 1950, the following roads will be CLOSED to vehicular traffic and reserved for public purposes between the hours of 4 p. m. and 7 p. m. on account of the Public Meeting at Chowpatty.

SANDHURST ROAD from its junction with New Queen's Road to Chowpatty including Sandhurst Bridge.
CHOWPATTY from Marine Drive (Mafatlal Baths) to its junction with Babulnath Road;
HUGHES ROAD from its junction with Sandhurst Bridge to its junction with Harvey Road;
FRENCH ROAD from its junction with Chowpatty to Hughes Road:
HARVEY ROAD from its junction with Chowpatty to Hughes Road.

Vehicles proceeding from Walkeshwar and Cumballa Hill towards the Fort and vice versa will proceed along the following roads:—
WALKESHWAR TO FORT: Via Walkeshwar Road, Babulnath Road, Hughes Road, Harvey Road, Nana's Chowk, Over Grant Road Bridge, Lamington Road and New Queen's Road.
CUMBALLA HILL TO FORT: Via Gowalia Tank Road, Nana's Chowk, Over Frere (Grant Road) Bridge, Lamington Road and New Queen's Road.
FORT TO WALKESHWAR: Via New Queen's Road, Girgaum Road. Kennedy Bridge, Nana's Chowk, Harvey Road, Hughes Road, Babulnath Road and Walkeshwar.
FORT TO CUMBALLA HILL: Via New Queen's Road, Girgaum Road, Over Kennedy Bridge, Nana's Chowk and Gowalia Tank Road.
CHOWPATTY FOOT OVERBRIDGE will be open ONLY FOR WOMEN going towards and returning from the sea face between 4 p. m. and 7 p. m. All other persons will go to and return FROM THE SEA FACE VIA SANDHURST BRIDGE.
PARKING PROHIBITED: Parking of vehicles along Girgaum Road (Kennedy Bridge) North of Sandhurst Road, on French Road from its junction with Chowpatty to its junction with Sandhurst Bridge, New Queen's Road, Harvey Road from its junction with Hughes Road to Nana's Chowk is prohibited.

Ladies going to and leaving the Meeting are requested to use Chowpatty Foot overbridge which has been reserved for Ladies only.

This order is made under the provisions of section 23(4) of the Bombay City Police Act, IV of 1902.

M. M. CHUDASAMA.
Commissioner of Police.
Bombay.

Head Police Office.
Bombay, 3rd April, 1950. (7513)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

APPLICATIONS are invited for temporary posts of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons under Kutch Government. Pay Rs. 160/- in the scale of Rs. 160-30-330 subject to revision plus the usual allowances admissible under the rules to Kutch Government servants. QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: A degree or diploma in Veterinary Science from an Indian Veterinary College.

Candidates will be called for interview at New Delhi at their own expense. Applications containing particulars of age, educational qualifications, experience, etc. should reach the undersigned by the 15th April, 1950.

A. N. BERY
Under Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture. (7508)

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES, B. B. & C.I. Railway, Jacob Circle, Mahalaxmi, invites Tenders for reconditioning of 167 tons approximately of Non-ferrous scrap and for supply of other Non-ferrous Material. Copy of the Tender No. P/3/C/59 of 30-3-1950 may be obtained from the Controller of Stores at the above address on payment of Rs. 5/- per copy, which is not refundable Firms not on the approved list of tenderers should give their banker's references and must submit Income-Tax clearance Certificates. Tenders in sealed covers should reach the Controller of Stores by 11-30 a m. on or before 17th April, 1950. (7510)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

A VACANCY exists for the post of BERTHING MASTER.

Applicants should be Indian National Subjects, between the ages of 25 and 35, possess Master Home Trade Certificate and have served at least 5 years at sea.

The selected applicant must pass the prescribed vision test and be certified fit by the B.P.T. Medical Officer.

He will, in the first instance, be appointed on probation for not less than 3 months on a salary of Rs. 400/- fixed, per month, plus Dearness and House Rent Allowances according to sanctioned scales, and will be required to pass the prescribed examination for Berthing Masters.

On confirmation as Berthing Master his pay will be Rs. 600/- (600-25-800) plus the above allowances.

Applications stating age, qualifications and previous experience supported by testimonials will be received by the undersigned, upto 15th April, 1950.

DEPUTY CONSERVATOR.
3rd April 1950. (7507)

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE,
MADRAS.

APPLICATIONS are invited from firms of standing or from leading businessmen to take up agency for the distribution of Soaps manufactured at the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut for the area covered by Bombay Presidency. For terms and conditions apply to the Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras 6, not later than 15-4-1950 stating business experience, sales organisation and furnishing bank references.

M. T. RAJU,
Director of Industries
and Commerce,
Madras. (7498)

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC are informed that in connection with the Public Reception to the President of the Republic of India on WEDNESDAY, 5th April, 1950, at the Pherozshah Mehta Gardens, Gibbs Road from its junction with Kemps Corner to its junction with Pherozshah Mehta Gardens will be CLOSED to Westbound vehicular traffic i. e. no entry from Kemps Corner between 4-30 p. m. and 7-30 p. m.

Guests attending the above function from the South of the City should proceed via Walkeshwar Road and Ridge Road and those from the North via Nepean Sea Road and Mount Pleasant Road.

This order is issued under Section 23(4) of the Bombay City Police Act IV of 1902.

M. M. CHUDASAMA.
Commissioner of Police
Bombay.

Head Police Office:
Bombay, 4th April, 1950. (7518)

TENDER NOTICE.

THE DIRECTOR, Haffkine Institute, Bombay 12. invites sealed Tenders in prescribed forms upto 3 P. M. of May, 4, 1950, for the supply of live sheep for the period ending 31st March, 1951. Prescribed forms can be had at Re 1/- each, and contract documents seen at the Office of the Institute on any working day, except Saturdays between 10 A.M. and 5 P. M. No tender shall be considered unless accompanied by Treasury Challan for 5 p. c. of the tendered value as earnest money, to be credited to a/c "27 Medical Bacteriological Laboratories, Haffkine Institute Deposits". (7520)

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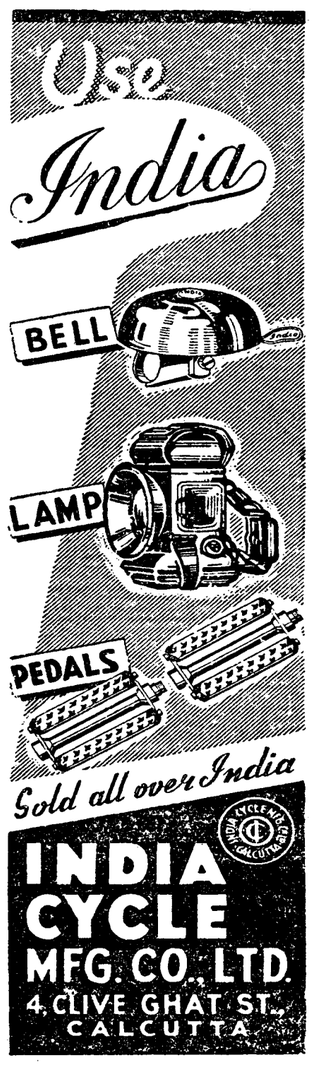

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SUCCESSFUL LEVY DAYS IN SATARA DISTRICT

Villagers' Great Response

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE bags of foodgrains, mostly Jowar, were delivered at the Government godowns at Lonand in the Satara North District by the nearby villagers on April 3, which was celebrated as a Levy Day there. The villagers brought their foodgrains to Lonand in a procession. Swami Ramanand Bharati, President of the District Congress Committee, presided over the function.

Mr. V. N. Sardesai, Commissioner, Central Division, addressed an audience of about 5,000 persons on the occasion. He congratulated the villagers on their fine effort in the matter of procurement. Despite the fact that they had a lean season this year, they contributed more than the levy demand on them.

Mr. Sardesai explained in detail as to how the procurement policy of the Government was in the interest of the people and appealed to agriculturists to contribute the maximum quantities of foodgrains to the Government and thus help it to wipe out black market.

The village of Khed Budruk received the first prize for contributing 203 bags of foodgrains.

AT BARAD

Another levy day was celebrated at Barad, in Phaltan taluka, on April 2 when Agriculturists from 12 surrounding villages brought 5,000 bags of foodgrains to deliver at the local government godown. The villages of Nimlak, Gokholi, and Junaware received the first, second and third prize respectively for the best procurement effort.

The people of Lonand, like those of Koregaon, have donated one shield and silver cups to be presented in rotation to villages contributing the maximum quantities of foodgrains.

Procurement Committee Members In City

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. Thirumal Rao, Mr. C. K. P. Menon and Mr. Mangat Rai, members of the Foodgrains Procurement Committee, Government of India who are at present in Bombay in connection with the enquiry regarding procurement of foograins in various States returned to Bombay after visiting the procurement and distribution centres in the districts.

The Committee today met officials of the Government of Bombay at the Secretariat and also some non-officials.

The members of the Committee who will be in Bombay on April 4 and 5 will meet members of the press tomorrow at 5-30 p.m. They will fly to Nagpur on the morning of April 6 at 7 a.m.

APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR LABOUR

Merchants Committee Welcomes Move

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Indian Merchants' Chamber has welcomed the proposal to set up an All-India Appellate Tribunal, under the Industrial Disputes (Appellate Tribunal) Bill, 1949, with a view to co-ordinating the activities of the larger number of tribunals now functioning in India.

The Committee of the Chamber, in a communication to the Government of India's Labour Ministry, stated that it had occasion in the past to invite Government's attention to the divergent and often conflicting views expressed by industrial tribunals on important points, and it hoped therefore that the establishment of an all India Appellate Tribunal would result in removing the anomalies and complications arising from varying decisions by the tribunals.

The Committee also welcomed the provision that the chairman and members of the proposed All India Tribunal should be generally of the status of High Court Judges. It felt, however, that "the association of persons of high standing with a background of knowledge regarding conditions of industry with the Tribunal would have helped in tempering a purely legalistic approach to the problems of industry with a proper understanding of the realities and practical difficulties in the working of the processes of industry and other allied problems".

GIVE THEM FULL FREEDOM

Commercial Representatives In Port Trust

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Government of India, it is understood, have addressed all chambers and associations in Bombay and other centres which have representation on the respective Port Trust Boards to the effect that such commercial representatives should be allowed free scope for dealing with subjects placed before them as trustees of the Ports without being hampered by a definite directive to vote in a particular manner on any issue.

It was learnt that the Indian Merchants Chamber, Bombay, in a communication to the Government stated that they were not in the habit of giving mandates or issuing directives restricting the discretion of their representatives. The Chamber and their representatives could normally be expected, it was stated, to bring about a synthesis between the interests of the Port Trust as a public body and the needs and requirements of commercial and industrial interests as users of the facilities afforded by the port and on that basis to take an enlightened view of their responsibility in dealing with matters coming up before the Port Trust.

EXTENSION OF B. J. HOME

Plea For Donations

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A fervent appeal to the public to contribute generously to the funds for the extension and repairs of the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Home for the destitute children at Matunga, was made by Mr. Frank Oliviera, Chairman of the Society for the Protection of Children in Western India, at the annual general meeting of the Society, held in the Municipal Corporation Building, today.

Mr. Oliviera who was presiding over the meeting in the unavoidable absence of Rani Maharaj Singh, President of the Society, announced that the Bombay Government had sanctioned a sum of Rs. 40,000, out of the total amount of Rs. 85,000 needed for the extension and repairs of the Byramjee Jejeebhoy Home, which was run by the Society. He added that the Women's Entertainment Committee had arranged a benefit recital by Madrigal Singers. This, along with other contributions had brought in Rs. 16,000. For the balance, he appealed to the public to contribute liberally.

The meeting unanimously adopted the annual report on the working of the Society. Rani Maharaj Singh was re-elected President. Among other office-bearers are Sir Rustam Masani, Mr. Frank Oliviera and Mr. J. R. B. Jeejeebhoy as Vice-Presidents; and Lady Rustam Masani, Lady Kania and Mrs. G. B. Seervai as honorary secretaries.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The annual statement of accounts of the Society which was also adopted at the meeting, indicated that the total expenses for the year amounted to Rs. 57,563 whereas the total receipts were Rs. 41,916. To meet the deficit of Rs. 15,646, the Committee of the Society appealed to the public for donations.

The report of the Byramjee Jejeebhoy Home showed that there were 199 children on the roll at the end of the last year. Out of this number, 128 children were sent by the Juvenile Courts.

In a message, Rani Maharaj Singh expressed regret at her inability to attend the meeting. She hoped that the Committee would "have a truly successful and happy year of service for our children."

BY-ELECTION TO CORPORATION

B. P. C. C. Appeal

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The General Secretaries of the B.P.C.C. have issued the following appeal in connection with the ensuing by-election to the Corporation:

The B.P.C.C. have chosen Dr. Vinayak D. Telang as their candidate for the ensuing by-election from Ward No. 19 (Mazagaon). The Congress Municipal Party has to its credit many an achievement in the sphere of civic affairs. To mention a few the municipalisation of the transport services, the implementation of the water supply scheme; housing; and the steps taken towards mechanisation of conservancy services are some of them.

Now with the Greater Bombay coming into effect, the Municipal Body has enhanced responsibilites awaiting it. In view of this fact, it is the duty of every citizen to strengthen the Congress Municipal Party by lending full support that it deserves.

The voters of Mazagaon area have supported Congress candidates at the last general elections, and we are sure they will undoubtedly support Dr. Telang at this by-election too. Dr. Telang has a fine record of social service extending over 15 years during which period he has been associating himself with all welfare activities in Mazagaon area. Being a member of the medical profession himself, he has particularly rendered yeomen services in that field, and had organised relief work during disturbed days.

Considering the meritorious services rendered by tohe Congress Municipal Party, as also its candidate, we are sure the municipal voters of Mazagaon will return Dr. Telang to their civic body by an overwhelming majority.

Scholarships For Backward Class Candidates

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Twenty-nine scholarships of Rs. 30 per mensem each are at present available to Backward Class candidates studying in certain professions and trades. Ten of these scholarships are in Dentistry, two each in Draughtsmanship and Architecture and five each in Accountancy, Secretarial work and Forestry.

The Government has now directed that if there are no sufficient number of Backward Class candidates for the full-time courses for which these scholarships have been instituted, the Backward Class Officer should award the remaining scholarships to suitable Backward Class candidates who wish to undergo trainipg in the "Co-operative Diploma Course" for short periods for six months in the Regional Co-operative Schools, in consultation with the heads of the institutions where they are undergoing training. Such candidates, however, should not be in receipt of any other scholarships, nor should they be in the whole-time or the part-time employment.

KALYAN MILLS' APPEAL FAILS

Damages Reduced

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha & Mr. Justice Shah)

The Kalyan Mill's Ltd. . . Appellants (Original Defendants)

Vs.

Trikamlal Vadilal & others . . . Respondents (Original Plaintiffs)

Confirming the decree passed by the Civil Judge, Senior Division, Ahmedabad, their lordships reduced the damages awarded to the plaintiffs by the trial judge from Rs. 2,21,232 to Rs. 1,33,140. Their lordships also dismissed with costs two other sister appeals filed by the Kalyan Mills against the same respondents.

Messrs. Kalidas Motibhai Mehta and Sons Ltd. (defendants 2) were agents of the Kalyan Mills. Seth Kalidas Motibhai, and after his death in March 1934 his sons (defendants 3 to 7), worked as the Managing Agents of the mills on behalf of defendant 2 company. From the very inception, the plaintiffs' firm of Manilal Premchand worked as Selling Agents of cloth manufactured by the mills on a commission of 1/2 per cent. By an agreement entered into on 29th December 1935 embodied in a document between defendants 3 to 7 on the one hand, and the firm of Chimanlal Premchand comprised of plaintiffs 1 to 5 and one Manilal (the father of plaintiff 6 and the husband of plaintiff 7) who died on 27th August 1941, on the other plaintiffs 1 to 5 and Manilal deposited with the mills Rs. 4 lakhs in Current Account at 6 per cent interest. The said agreement further povided that 190 promoters' shares in defendant 2 company were to be transferred to the plaintiffs by defendants 3 to 7, that the Kalyan Mills were to open a Sarafi account in the plaintiffs firm, that Manilal Premchand on behalf of the plaintiffs was to be associated with defendants 3 to 7 in the management of the Kalyan Mills, that the plaintiffs were to be paid permanent commission at the rate of 12 annas per cent on all cotton consumed in the mills and that the commission that was being paid to them by the mills as selling agents for cloth and yarn was to be increased to 1 per cent. Things went on smoothly till 1940 when disputes arose with regard to the further financing of the mills. Defendants 3 to 7 arranged for a loan of Rs. 7½ lakhs from the Tata Investment Corp., and by a letter dated 2nd May 1941 the mills terminated the sole selling agency of cloth and yarn granted to the plaintiffs and a month later closed the Sarafi account of the mills with the plaintiffs. Contending that these acts constituted a violation of the terms of the agreement, the plaintiffs filed the present suit claiming damages and other reliefs in respect of the selling agency of cloth and yarn. They also filed another suit claiming damages and other reliefs in respect of commission on cotton consumed in the mills. The trial judge at Ahmedabad had passed a decree for Rs. 2,21,232 in respect of the selling agency commission and Rs. 55,989 in respect of the commission on cotton consumed against the mills. The mills appealed to the High Court.

MILLS' CONTENTION

On behalf of the mills it was contended that the Agreement of 29th December 1935 was an agreement of partnership relating to the Managing Agency business or at any rate was an agreement by defendants 3 to 7 personally, with which the mills were not concerned, that even if it was construed as an agreement entered into by defendants 3 to 7 on behalf of the mills, it was excessively onerous and therefore ultra vires their powers as agents, that the agreement had never been ratified by the mills company, and that in no event were the plaintiffs entitled to damages for a period later than 27th August 1941 on which date their firm of Chimanlal Premchand, which was the contracting party, became dissolved by the death of Manilal.

After a protracted hearing lasting over 11 working days, their lordships had reserved judgment.

JUDGMENT

After a careful consideration of the various clauses of the Agreement their lordships came to the conclusion that the document could not be regarded as a partnership agreement, but must be regarded as a composite agreement in some of the clauses of which defendants 3 to 7 acted in their individual capacity with which the mills had no concern, and in other clauses defendants 3 to 7 acted as Managing Agents on behalf of the mills.

In their lordships' opinion, considering the transaction as a whole, the Agreement could not be said to be excessively onerous. Their lordships, however, stated that if they were wrong in that view, it was clear that the Agreement had not been ratified, by the mills.

With regard to the quantum of damages, their lordships held that the reading the contract as a whole, it was not of such a nature that it could not have been carried out by the new firm of the plaintiffs as constituted after the death of Manilal or that it postulated the existence of all the members of the original firm. Taking into account the expenses which the plaintiffs would have had to incur, their lordships reduced the damages awarded to the plaintiffs to Rs. 1,33,140 while confirming with that modification the decree passed by the trial court, but directed each party to bear its own costs of the appeal. Their lordships also confirmed the decree for Rs. 55,989 passed against the mills by the trial court in respect of cotton consumed by the mills.

Mr. H. M. Seervai, Mr. J. R. Vimadalal and Mr. J. S. Dawda instructed by Messrs. Dayalji and Dipchand appeared for the appellants.

Mr. M. P. Amin. Mr. N. M. Shah, Mr. C. S. Trivedi and Mr. D. V Patel appeared for the respondents

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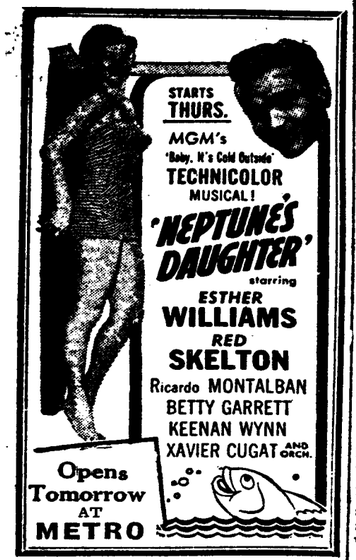

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Irony Of Fate

Thief Robbed While Decamping With Booty

Interesting Case Comes Up Before City Magistrate

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

SITARAM Hariram, a servant of a rich city businessman, who absconded after committing theft of cash and valuables worth Rs. 55,800 from his employer's residence, was himself robbed of the stolen property while he was proceeding to Punjab in a train, the Esplanade Police stated today in the Chief Presidency Magistrate's Court.

Sitaram now figures as the complainant in the robbery case in the Punjab while he is the accused in the theft case in Bombay.

The police told the Magistrate that Sitaram was the servant of one D. D. Punjabi, residing at Queen's Court, Queens Road, Bombay. While Mr. Punjabi and other inmates of the residence went out for races on March 4, it is alleged that the servant removed cash, a very costly diamond-studded wrist watch and clothes and absconded.

According to the Police, Sitaram went to Calcutta and from there he proceeded to Malerkot in East Punjab, in the company of a taxi-driver by name Nacharharisingh and some others with the intention of starting some business. While travelling in the train, Sitaram was himself robbed of the amount and other articles by his friends.

Sitaram lodged a complaint with the Punjab Police who succeeded in arresting the culprits and recovering cash and property worth Rs. 43590. The diamond-studded wrist watch and clothes valued at Rs. 3100 were also traced. The Police have yet to recover Rs. 9|10.

In the course of investigations, the Punjab Police found out how Sitaram came to be in possession of such a large amount of money. They handed him over to the Bombay Police who are conducting investigations in the theft case in which he stands as the accused.

Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, ordered the accused to be handed over to the Punjab Police in order to dispose of the robbery case after which the theft case will be taken up here.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE RECITAL

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Madame Olga Craen and Madame Hugnette Whyte gave a joint music recital at Government House on Monday night.

The programme was in aid of the national Y.W.C.A. and the Alliance Francaise, under the patronage and in the presence of Rani Maharaj Singh, a distinguished gathering, predominantly representing the European element of our upper programme of French music, and among the familiar faces I recognised Mr. and Mrs. E. P. E. Mayor, Lady Duggan, Mrs. Wagle, Mrs. V. Paranjote, Mr. and Mrs. S. Bhandari, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kurien, Mr. K. M. Mathulla of Air India and Dr. Sager of Pearline Paris.

The drive for funds for the national Y.W.C.A. was launched when the Rukmini Devi Dance committee organised a dance festival in its aid in our city recently, and this was the second item in Rani Maharaj Singh's schedule as God-mother of the illustrious organisation, which caters for the needs of so many women in India. The Alliance Francaise is a cultural organisation whose main activities are to enlighten the Indian public about the culture, language and traditions of France, and to award scholarships to deserving students of French in this country.

April 6: A "Dry Day"

BOMBAY, Tuesday (UPI).—All the licensees, except those of the military canteen tenant system, holding licences for sale of foreign liquor in the State of Bombay, have been instructed by the Government not to conduct any sales of liquor on April 6, 1950.

All the depots of hemp drugs and foreign liquor managed by the Government will remain closed on that day, it was officially declared today.

BRATHAN'S PLANE TAKES OFF

BOMBAY, Tuesday (PTI): Nineteen transit passengers travelling from Hong Kong took off from Bombay this morning after having been held up here for two days owing to breakdown of their Skymaster, an aircraft of Brathan's Airline of Norway. The aircraft which is on a schedule flight between Hong Kong to Oslo via Calcutta and Bombay, landed at the Bombay airport on Saturday with trouble to one of its three engines on its way from Calcutta.

After disembarking passengers here, the Skymaster took off for Karachi where its engine was put in order and returned to Santa Cruz airport early this morning. The passengers continued their journey by the same plane for their respective destinations.

No Double Decker Rail Coaches Yet

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Information in regard to the provision of Double Decker coaches on the G.I.P. Railway published in a section of the Press, conveys an erroneous impression of the activities of that Railway in this particular respect.

The correct position is that designs to increase appreciably the seating accommodation in trains are being evolved and that issues relating thereto are still in an exploratory stage, writes the Publicity Officer, G.I.P. Railway.

ISOLATED SHOWERS IN ASSAM

All-India Weather

POONA, April 4, (PTI): The following is the daily weather summary for Tuesday:—

Weather has been dry over the country except for isolated thundershowers in north Assam and Travancore-Cochin and scattered thunderstorms in the hills of the Punjab (I) and in east Madhya Pradesh.

Both day and night temperatures were appreciably below normal in west Uttar Pradesh, north-west India, Saurashtra, Cutch and Gujarat.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL WEDNESDAY EVENING: Weather will be dry over the country except for local thundershowers in north Assam and isolated thundershowers in south Assam, West Bengal, and Travancore-Cochin.

Both day and night temperatures may fall in east Uttar Pradesh, Chota Nagpur, Bihar and West Bengal.

Here is the weather chart:—

Ahmedabad 94 68 0 0 minus 0.1, Ahmednagar 99 72 0 0 minus 0.3, Akola 103 79 0 0 minus 0.4, Aurangabad 99 77 0 0.1 minus 0.1, Bangalore 92 69 0 0 minus 0.5, Belgaum 96 66 0 0.3 minus 0.3, Banaras 101 68 0 0.7 plus 0.3, Bhopal 96 63 0 1.6 plus 1.2, BOMBAY 88 75 0 0 minus 0.1, Calcutta 102 76 0 0.2 minus 1.3, Cochin 90 80 0 1.2 minus 1.1, Cuttack 102 74 0 3.4 plus 2.3, Darjeeling 60 51 0 3.6 plus 1.6, Dehra-Dun 82 62 0 3.0 plus 1.7, Delhi 89 58 0 0.7 plus 0.1, Hyderabad 100 69 0 0.1 minus 0.5, Jaipur 87 61 0.1 minus 0.2, Jubbulpore 100 75 0 1.5 plus 1.0, Khandwa 100 70 0 0.2 plus 2.2, Kolhapur 100 71 0 0.3 —, Luck 100 60 0 0.5 plus 0.2, Madras 9 76 0 0.4 plus 0.1, Mathurai 95 — 0 0.7 minus 0.7, Mahabaleshwar 87 68 0 0 minus 0.3, Mussoorie 59 48 0 4.1 plus 1.7, Mysore 94 69 0 0 minus 0.5, Nagpur 104 74 0 1.2 plus 0.5, Ootacamund 75 44 0 0.1 minus 1.5, Patna 101 76 0 0.2 minus 0.2, Poona 100 68 0 0.3 plus 0.2, Rajkot 94 60 0 0 minus 0.1, Shillong 103 76 0 0.3 plus 0.1, Simla 56 45 0 4. plus 1.8, Surat 95 68 0 0 0, Trivandrum 91 78 0 3.3 plus 1.3.

The Pulse Of The City

ENTERTAINED: Prof. M. P. Gandhi, Editor, "The Indian Cotton Textile Industry Annual" entertained Sir Datar Singh Vice-Chairman of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, to a lunch on April 4. A distinguished gathering was present, including F. D. Wadia, A. P. Sabavala, M. G. Monani, I.C.S., Director of Resettlement, and W. Hughes.

DEVOTEE ROBBED: In the guise of offering prayers, Anualu Ganpat entered the Mahalaxmi temple and is reported to have removed a gold mounted pencil which was kept in the left upper pocket of another devotee who was offering flowers.

CAUGHT: The Police produced Shafi Abdul Rehman in the Girgaum Court on Monday. It is reported that Rehman had entered a building in Gamdevi and while he was stealing articles from the room of a building, the tenant awoke and raised an alarm. He was caught by the watchman of the building and handed over to the police.

KILLED: Ramchandra Dhondu Powar, a 55-year old man, was stated to have been killed by a tram at Kalachowki on Monday while he was crossing the road at Parel Chawl Road.

MYSTERIOUS: Havaldar Sunderang Tukaram, attached to the Armed Squad, was found dead in his quarters at Naigaum Police Lines on Monday morning.

REDUCED: The Bombay High Court reduced the sentence of Bai Bismilla, a resident of Ahmedabad from 3 years R.I. to three months. The charge on the accused was that he was found in illegal possession of a country-made pistol.

BROKEN OPEN: A godown belonging to Messrs. Manshuklal Chimanlal and Company was found broken open by some unknown men in the early hours of Tuesday morning. Quinine pills worth Rs. 17,750 were reported to have been stolen from there.

CHEATING DEVICE: Kantilal B. Shah, a ring leader of a gang was arrested on Tuesday morning. It is stated that Shantilal who started a company on March 1 received various amount from four persons against his promise to repay the amount next day or by issuing post dated cheques. The cheques were not honoured nor the words kept.

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

HINDU: Chaitra Vad 3, 2006
MUSLIM: Jamadi-ul-Akher 16, 1369.
PARSI: Avan 5, 1319.
SUNRISE 6-30 A.M.,
SUNSET 6-53 P.M.
HIGHTIDE 01-06, 14-02.
LOWTIDE 07-22, 19-51

Today's Engagements

THE MILLOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, BOMBAY: Annual general meeting in the rooms of the Association at Elphinstone Building, Churchgate Steet, 11-30 a.m.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF BOMBAY: Dr. V. M. Kaikini will read a paper on "India the Original Home of the Aryans", at the Durbar Hall, Fort, 6 p.m.

THE UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and Answer meeting preceded by a short talk on "Disease of the Body and the Mind" at Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, 6-15 p.m.

Bakshi Ghulam Mahomed

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Bakshi Ghulam Mahomed, Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, visited this morning I.N.S 'Rana' where he was received by Captain A. Chakravarty and Captain S. M. Kohly.

TODAY'S RADIO

WEDNESDAY, April 5.

Air News From Delhi

English 8 a.m. 1-30 p.m. 8, 9; Gujarati 8-45 a.m 1 p.m. 8-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m. 1-40 p.m. 6-10, 9-15; Kannada 7-45 a.m. 7-45 p.m. Malayalam 7-30 a.m. 7-30 p.m. Marathi 8-30 a.m. 12-50 p.m. 8; Tamil 7-15 a.m. 7-15 p.m. Telugu 7 a.m. 1-50 p.m. 7 p.m.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. Bhor bhaee, 7-35 Physical education, 7-40 Today's programme, 7-45 N. P. Vaidya, G. geet, 8-15 Saraswati Rane, bhairav, 12-45 p.m. Tantrakari, 12-50 N. P. Vaidya, G. ghazal, 1-40 F. Waring and his Pennsylvanians, 2-0 Glady Swarthout, mezzo soprano, 2-15 Gary Graffman, pianoforte, 4-20 School broadcast, 5-0 Hindi by radio, 5-20 Vimal Gupte, mandolin. 5-30 P. Solankurkar, marwa, 6-10 Music lessons. 6-20 Saraswati Rane, multani, 7-10 Locals, 7-20 Gulab Bai Bijapurkar, H. songs 7-30 N. P. Vaidya, G. bhajans, 7-45 For industrial workers, 9-15 Vimal Gupte, mandolin, 9-30 Film songs, 9-45 Bombay Governor's message on total prohibition, 9-55 A. Marzban, twice a week, 10-0 Czech music

VARIATIONS: 8-0 a.m. Vimal Gupte, mandolin, 8-45 Saraswati Rane, M. compositions, 1-0 p.m. P. Solankurkar, M. bhavgeet, 1-10 Mixed songs, 1-50 D. N. Devesh, variety, Hu, 5-0 Bindi by radio, 6-0 H. V. Kadlur, K. songs, 6-20 For rural listeners, 7-30 Commercial news, 8-15 P. Solankurkar, M. songs, 8-30 Hindi talk, 8-45 Radio Orch., 9-0 Gulab Bai Bijapurkar, M songs, 10-0 M. play by A. Parasnis, "dhool". 10-30 Saraswati Rane, vocal.

BARODA

7-30 a.m. G. geets, 7-45 Today and tomorrow, 7-50 J. T. Shah, lalit, 8-15 R. S. Shevde, sitar, 8-30 J. J. Shah, bhairavi, 5-30 p.m. For women, 6-10 V. Potkar, purva kalyan, 6-30 For rural listeners, 7-0 Film songs, 7-15 As in Ahmedabad, 7-30 R. S. Shevade, sitar, 7-45 P. T. Shah, jait-kalyan, 8-0 M. G. Bhatt, geets, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 Your favourites, 9-30 Talk in English, 9-45 Bombay Governor's message on total prohibition.

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. Ashram bhajanvali, 7-40 Prabhat's raag, 8-15 Sneharashmi na geeto, 8-30 P. Shah, violin, 5-30 p.m. V. R. Shukla, pyarna jhankar, 5-45 Geets, 6-10 As in Baroda, 6-30 Stage songs, 6-45 P. Shah, violin, 7-0 V. Patel and party, bhajans, 7-15 Shavada, G. poetry reading, 7-25 Musical interlude, 7-30 For industrial workers, 8-0 Locals, 8-5 Bismillah and party, 8-30 V. R. Shukla, kh. bhupali, 8-45 P. Shah, violin, 9-45 As in Baroda.

President's Visit: Radio Report

At 9-30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, All-India Radio, Bombay, will broadcast a radio report on the civic address to President Rajendra Prasad.

At 10-00 p.m. on the following day, listeners to AIR, Bombay will hear a report on the inauguration of the Prohibition Week. This will include extracts from the speeches of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the Chief Minister of Bombay and Dr. Pattabhai Sitaramaiyya.

Ramakrishna Mission's Refugee Relief

The Ramakrishna Mission is doing good work in affording relief to the refugees from East Pakistan. It has started relief centres in Jayantipur (near Boangaon, Gitaldaha, Karimganj, Silchar Lumding and Agartala. Distribution of milk, chirha and gur, daily feeding, care of children, the aged and the sick, free doles, medical attention and shelter form part of the Mission's work.

About 190 refugees have been given shelter and food in its ashram at Dacca, East Bengal. At Narayanganj, the Mission aids people waiting for transit to India. The Mission continue to do humanitarian work for all refugees.

Telegraph Notification

BOMBAY, Tuesday: A telegraph notification, issued today, says: "With immediate effect charges for inward telegrams with instructions "Collect" from Japan to India per word will as under:— Ordinary Rs. 2|11; Code Rs. 1|10; Deferred— Rs. 1|5|6; D.L.T.— Re. 1|4|-; and Press Re. 1|1|-.

MASKED YOUTHS ROB WOMAN IN TRAIN

Dastardly Attack On Helpless Passenger

The grim details of a dastardly attack on a respectable Parsi lady by two Sikh youths, while she was travelling by the Bombay-bound Amritsar Express, have come to light. The railway police, assisted by the Provincial C.I.D. are investigating into the matter.

Though the police would not reveal the name of the lady at this stage, it is reliably learnt that she comes from a well-to-do family.

It appears that on receipt of an urgent telegram, that her mother was in a dying condition, the lady in question is said to have boarded the Amritsar Express that very day to come down to Bombay. When the train halted at Deolali in the early hours of the following morning, the lady found herself to be the only passenger in the women's compartment in which she was travelling. Being worried about her solitary position, and wanting to sleep, as it was not morning yet, she informed the guard, and after shuttering up carefully the doors as well as the windows of her compartment, she went to sleep.

Hardly ten minutes had elapsed, when she heard a strange sound emanating from one of the shutters. It appeared that some one was trying to lift one of the shutters from outside, with the help of an instrument. Before she could raise an alarm, she found herself face to face with a masked Sikh lad, who jumped into her compartment and caught hold of her.

The intruder switched off the light, and in the darkness that followed, threatened the lonely woman with death if she dared make a move. But the latter was strong enough to meet the challenge. In a desperate bid for freedom, she gave the young Sikh two sound blows on the face. A tussel ensued, which was hardly over when another hefty-looking Sikh entered the compartment. The poor woman was completely overpowered, and was fisted all over the body. One of them set upon her, threatening to stab her to death if she did not deliver all that she had.

The helpless woman gave away her purse containing some cash, as well as her wedding ring. The gangsters were not satisfied with this. They took out her suit case from underneath her seat and got Rs. 260. They then decamped at Igatpuri.

Finding herself free from the clutches of the marauders, the dazed woman called on the Station Master at Igatpuri and narrated to him all that had happened. She was then given police escort till she came to Bombay.

DR. PRASAD'S VISIT TO BOMBAY

3-Day Programme

BOMBAY, Tuesday: The following is the programme for the visit to Bombay of the President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad:

WEDNESDAY, 5TH APRIL

11-30 a.m.—The President arrives by aeroplane at the Santa Cruz airfield. Received by H. E. The Governor of Bombay. Presentations, Inspection of a Guard of Honour. 12 Noon—The President leaves the airfield for Government House. 1-00 p.m. to 2-00 p.m.—Lunch at Government House. 3-30 p.m.—The President leaves Government House for a visit to the Indian Navy Ships 'Delhi' and 'Rana'. 4-40 p.m.—The President leaves the Indian Navy Ship 'Delhi'. 4-50—The President arrives at Chetana to see the Prohibition Propaganda Exhibition. 5-20 p.m.—The President leaves Chetana for Government House. 6-00 p.m. —The President leaves for Shri Pherozeshah Mehta Gardens to 'A tHome' by the Mayor of Bombay. 8-15 p.m.—to 9-15 p.m.—Dinner at Government House, 9-30 p.m. to 10-00 p.m.—Exhbition of Film 'Rojadnya' at Government House.

THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL

7-30 a.m.—The President leaves for the Kora Gramodyoga Kendra at Shimpvali, Borivli, and the Krishna Giri Upavan at Borivli, 8-30 a.m. to 8-55 a.m.—The President inspects the Kora Gramodyoga Kendra, 8-55 a.m. —The President leaves for the Krishna Giri Upavan, 9-00 a.m.—The President inspects the Rally of the Balkan-ji-Bari at the Krishna Giri Upavan, 9-45 a.m.—The President opens the Mahatma Gandhi Smriti Mandir, 10-15 a.m.—The President leaves to visit the Kanheri Caves and the Krishna Giri Upavan. 11-30 a.m.—The President leaves for Government House. 1-00 p.m. to 2-00 p.m.—Lunch. 3-25 p.m. The President leaves for Children's Home Chembur, 4-00 p.m.—The President arrives at the Children's Home, Chembur, 5-02 p.m.—The President leaves Children's Home, Chembur for Government House, 5-15 p.m. to 5-20 p.m.—Halt at the New Ayurvedic Hospital, Sion, 6-00 p.m.—The President leaves for Chowpatty to inaugurate the Prohibition Week. 7-00 p.m.—The President leaves Chowpatty for Government House, 8-15 p.m. to 9-15 p.m. —Dinner.

FRIDAY, 7TH APRIL

8-00 a.m.—The President leaves for Juhu airfield, 8-20 a.m.—The President opens the Air Wing of the Home Guards, 8-30 a.m.—The President leaves for Santa Cruz airfield, 9-00 a.m.—The President leaves Santa Cruz airfield for Delhi.

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

The members of the public are informed that Gibbs Road from its junction with Kemps Corner to its junction with Pherozeshah Mehta Gardens will be closed to Westbound vehicular traffic (i.e. no entry from Kemps Corner) between 4-30 p.m. and 7-30 p.m. in connection with the public reception to the President of the Republic of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, on Wednesday, April 5, at the Phirozeshah Mehta Gardens.

Guests attending the function from the south of the city are requested to proceed via Walkeshwar Road and Ridge Road and those from the North via Nepean Sea Road and Mount Pleasant Road.

PROHIBITION WEEK PROCESSION

Dhobi Talao To Chowpatty

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

All arrangements are now finalised for the mammoth procession that will be a part of the Prohibition Week Inauguration Day on April 6, 1950.

Thousands of citizens are expected to join the procession, both from the starting point at Dhobi Talao, opposite Metro Cinema and at various points of the routes. We are giving below the routes for the procession which will commence at 2-30 p.m. No one should miss the opportunity of joining this procession which will include Home Guards, Congress Seva Dal, Congress Sevaka Dal, Scouts and various other volunteer organisations from all parts of the city.

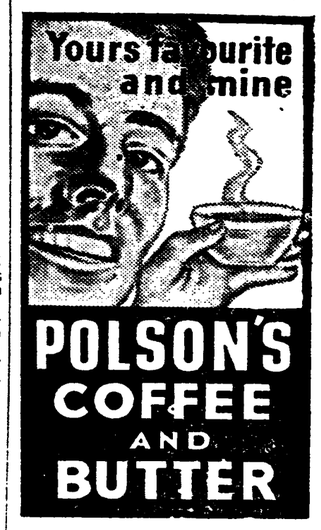
The following is the route:

Starting point from Dhobi Talao, opposite Metro Cinema at 2-30 p.m; then via Kalbadevi Road, Lohar Chawl, Crawford Market, Mohmedali Road, upto Mandvi Post-office, Ebrahim Rahimtoola Road, Mumbadevi, Zaveri Bazar, Bhuleshwar, C. P. Tank, Vihtalbhai Patel Road to Prarthana Samaj Junction, Sandhurst Road, Opera House, culminating at Chowpatty.

All institutions and individuals are expected to participate in their thousands in the procession.

SPARE THE PRESIDENT

The Chairman of the Prohibition Week Celebration Committee, Bombay has received requests from many institutions to permit them to garland our President, Hon. Dr. Rajendra Prasad at the public meeting to be held on 6th April 1950 at 6 p.m. at Chowpatty. While appreciating the feelings of all such institutions, the Chairman appeals that in view of the delicate health of our President, it would be in the fitness of things that such garlandings are avoided.



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RIOT TAX PASSED ON TO TENANTS

Bill Gives Permission To Landlords

BOMBAY ASSEMBLY PASSES MEASURE

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

BY A BILL which was passed by the Bombay Legislative Assembly without any debate today, landlords will now be allowed to pass on the riot tax to tenants in proportion to the floor space occupied by the tenants.

Introducing the Bill to provide for the vacation by a person who is elected both to the upper and lower chambers of the State Legislature, one of his two seats, Mr. Dinkerrao Desai, Minister for Law, Government of Bombay, stated that the Bill was in accordance with a provision in the Constitution of India, which made such an enactment obligatory on State Governments.

This Bill not only provided for the vacation of a seat, by a Member, holding dual membership of the Council and the Assembly, but it also made fresh elections unnecessary whenever a member thus vacated his seat. The Returning officer of the particular constituency could in such circumstances declare as the successful candidate, the person securing the next highest votes.

Mr. M. A. Bhaiji, fourth party, said that the Bill could have gone further by including the membership of local bodies. In India, where a Member usually represented about a lakh of persons and more, dual and triple memberships of different bodies--elective or administrative—led to inefficiency.

He wanted the Bill to provide for preventing the representatives of local bodies from Contesting Assembly elections and vice versa.

SOCIALIST OPPOSITION

Mr. Peter Alvares, while agreeing with the principle of the Bill objected to the clause, which made fresh elections unnecessary, when any member vacated his seat of either House, under the provisions of the Bill.

This might have been understandable in preferential voting, but not in distributive voting. There was nothing to show that the electorate would have elected the unsuccessful second candidate, if fresh elections were held.

A FRAUD

Mr. S. L. Karandikar, Independent, said, that this was "a fraud on the electorate" and it was improper to declare an unsuccessful candidate as successful, if the successful candidate chose to vacate his seat of a particular House.

Mr. P. K. Bhapkar, Peasants' and Workers' Party, said that it was dangerous to do away with by-elections, as they indicated how the people's mind, was moving at any given time.

Mr. G. V. Momin said that the clause regarding vacated seats in the Bill would lead to "fraud and collision".

Mr. Tulsidas Jadhav, Mr. R. A. Khedgikar and Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin, also opposed the Bill.

NOT UNDEMOCRATIC

Replying to the debate, Mr. Dinkarrao Desai, Civil Supplies Minister, said that the Bill was not undemocratic. After the Bill became law, lovers, if they voted for a candidate running for both the Houses could not complain of the consequences of their own action. It was up to parties not to run the same candidates for both the Houses.

Other factors to be considered were, the expenses connected with by-elections. They were already large, and were bound to be larger under adult franchise. It was also better to avoid too many by-elections in the present atmosphere which was still "explosive".

The Bill was passed.

DIVISIONAL COMMISSIONER

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home and Revenue Minister, moved the Bill to abolish the office of the Commissioner in the State of Bombay and to make provisions consequent on such abolition.

Moving the Bill, the Home Minister said that the offices of the three Divisional Commissioners in the State of Bombay, were created by the British more than a century ago, when Governor were virtual dictators and needed local agents to advise them. As such, they could serve no useful purpose in a popular administration, in which people preferred to approach the Ministers direct with their grievances.

This was also necessary in the interests of decentralisation. The purpose of the Bill was in addition to this, to abolish the Commissioner's Courts, and transfer to collectors and lower ranks, the powers enjoyed by them.

A certain measure of economy would also be one of the results of this measure, as part of the Commissioner's staff, might not be needed in future.

DECLINE IN EFFICIENCY

Opposing the Bill, the Thakore Sahib of Kerwada said that the standard of efficiency had gone down terribly recently in Government administration. Efficiency could be restored only by keeping a proper check on secretaries, and collectors and commissioners whose duty it was to supervise the work of secretaries and collectors, could not be dispensed with for at least two more years.

Mr. M. A. Bhaiji, Mr. G. V. Momin, Mr. Tulsidas Jadhav and Mr. P. K. Bhapkar, also spoke.

The Bill was passed with the incorporation of verbal amendments.

S.S.C. EXAMINATION

Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Public Health Minister, moved the Bill to amend the Bombay Secondary School Certificate Examination Act of 1948.

He said that the Bill sought to give representation to universities, like the S. N. D. T. and Baroda universities, on the Secondary School Certificate Examination Board.

It was also considered necessary to permit temporary appointments to the post of chairman, Secondary School Certificate Examination Board, in an emergency.

The Bill passed through all readings.

"DEVADASIS"

Moving a Bill to amend the Bombay Devadasis Protection Act of 1934, Mr. G. D. Tapase, Minister for Backward Classes, said that the offences under the Act, being non-cognisable, people were not coming forward with complaints.

Also under the present Act, unless the "dedication ceremony" was performed no action could be taken against offenders.

All this had resulted in the Act being unable to put an end to the practice of dedicating women as "Devdasis"

The Act was sought to be made more effective by the Amending Bill.

The Bill was passed.

TWO MORE BILLS

Two other Bills passed by the Assembly without any discussion were, the Bill to amend the Bombay Building (Control of Erection) Act and the Bill to amend the Bombay Rents, Hotels and Lodging House Rates Control Act.

The first Bill gives effect to Government's decision to relax the present restrictions under the Bombay Building (Control of Erection) Act, so as to allow construction of residential, business and commercial premises, without a permit from the Building Controller.

The second Bill empowers landlords to pass on the riot tax to tenants in proportion to the floor space occupied by them.

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CENSUS EXPENSES IN BOMBAY

Local Authorities' Contribution

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A Bill providing for contribution by local authorities of a portion of the expenses incurred in connection with the taking of any census and for securing their assistance in the census work, has been published in the Bombay Government "Gazette", of April 3, 1950.

At the time of the 1941 census, the Bombay Local Authorities Census Expenses Contribution Act, 1941, was enacted to provide for contributions by local authorities towards census expenses, specifying therein the maximum rates of contributions to be paid by different local authorities.

The Indian Census Act, 1939 contained a provision in section 15 authorising the State Government to direct that the whole or any part of any expenses incurred in connection with the taking of the census may be charged to any municipal, local or village fund. There is no corresponding provision in the Census Act, 1948.

The provision for local authorities to incur the necessary expenditure is now to be determined by a law of the State Legislature. Besides the former Census Acts were directed and limited to a specific census taking place in a named year. The Census Act of 1948 departs from that practice and provides a general and continuing as distinct from episodic legal cover, for census operations throughout or in any part of the country, as may at any time be considered necessary or desirable.

Consequently, legislation by the State Legislature based on the Census Act of 1949, for laying down the duties and responsibilities on, and for providing contributions towards expenses by, the local authorities in a general way is deemed necessary.

REFERENCE DATE FOR CENSUS

MADRAS, April 4 (PTI).—The Government of India have notified that the reference date for the census will be sunrise of first March 1951.

This was stated by Dr. T. S. S. Rajan, Public Health Minister and Leader of the House, in the Madras Council today.

He said Government of India had also informed the State Governments that enumeration would begin on February 9, 1951.

Replying to a question, the Minister said that no instruction had been received as to the method of taking the census. Instructions were now being finalized by the Registrar-General, Government of India.

Asked whether census of Andhras would be taken separately, Dr. Rajan said there were two queries in the census questionnaire, one relating to the mother tongue of the individual enumerated and the other to any other Indian language spoken by the individual, other than the mother-tongue.

The census would cover every man, woman and child throughout India irrespective of regional or linguistic considerations and there would be no separate census of persons belonging or claiming to belong to any linguistic group or region.

Import Of Staple Fibre

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

In continuation of Public Notices of January 25 and March 13, 1950, importers and mills are informed that applications from actual consumers or from importers against orders placed on them by the actual consumers for imports of staple fibre from soft currency countries and Japan will be considered if received on or before April 30, 1950.

Labels For Local Letters

NEW DELHI, April 4.

In order to ensure that letters and post cards intended for local delivery are not delayed, correspondents are requested to affix on the left hand top corner of letter and post cards the turquoise label inscribed with the word "Local".

AHMEDABAD WORKERS' COST OF LIVING

BOMBAY, Tuesday: The working class cost of living index number for Ahmedabad (on base year ended July 1927 equal to 100) advanced by 11 points to 250, during February last, owing to a rise of 17 points in the food group.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Uncontested Elections In Corporation

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Three Statutory Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation elected their chairmen for the current year at their respective meetings held today. The elections in all the cases were uncontested.

Mr. B. A. Dalal was elected chairman of the Standing Committee, Mr. Ganpatishankar Desai of the Improvements Committee, and Mr. V. B. Worlikar of he Schools Committee.

At its meeting on Monday, the Works Committee of the Corporation elected Mr. Mohmedali Alabux as its new chairman in place of Mr. Yusuf Miaji. Mr. Homi J. H. Talyarkhan was elected the Deputy Chairman of the Committee.

A WARNING

Presiding for the first time over the meeting of the Standing Committee, Mr. B. A. Dalal warned the members that the current year may prove to be one of trial for them so far as their finances were concerned. This was in view of the fact that their liquid surplus cash balance had been reduced to the minimum by now. He hoped that the situation would gradually improve.

Mr. Worlikar who presided over the meeting of the Schools Committee soon after his election as chairman, urged upon the Committee the desirability of concentrating their attention on the task of introducing new methods in all the "first-standard classes" of their schools. He added, "If we succeed in providing the necessary equipment and material to all these classes, I am confident that wwe shall be able to change the entire aspect of our education within a year".

REPRESSION IN GOA CONDEMNED

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Fascist repression in Goa was taking the shape of a rigorous suppression of nationalist views and of civil rights and liberties, declared Mr. George Vaz, General Secretary of the Goan People's Party, in a statement to the Press today.

Mr. Vaz said that by imposing a ban on the entry of Indian newspapers into Goa, the Portuguese Government were endeavouring to isolate Goans from contacts with the democratic movement across the Indo-Goa border.

"Nationalist workers, who defy the ban on assembly and organisation, are given drastic sentences of eight to fifteen years' rigorous imprisonment and are being deported to prisons in Portugal and Africa," he observed.

"Mr. Vaz stated that the Editor of "A Voz Da India" had recently to flee to India from Goa because he was expecting to be arrested on account of his refusal to "condemn the statement issued by Pandit Nehru that Goa would have to join India."

This was an instance of the manner in which the Portuguese authorities were going to work against nationalist elements in Goa, he declared.

3 New Bombay Acts

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Bombay Khoti Abolition Act, 1950, and the Greater Bombay Laws and the Bombay High Court (Declaration of Limits) (Amendment) Act, 1950, as passed by the State Legislature and assented to by the President of the Indian Republic have been published in the Bombay Government Gazette, of April 3, 1950. The Bombay Municipal (Extension of Limits) Act, 1950, which has received the assent of the Governor has also been published in the Gazette of the same date.

Government House News

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Governor of Bombay presided at the occasion of the award of certificates to teachers at the Handicrafts Teachers Training College where he was received by Shri R. G. Rajadhyaksha, the Principal. His Excellency declared open the Exhibition, distributed the certificates and addressed the gathering.

His Excellency and Rani Maharaj Singh received Mr. and Mrs. I.S. Jehu.

His Excellency received Shri M. A. Moola.

Shri Abdulkarim Y. A. Karimjee came to tea.

Research In Spinning

PLAN FOR MODERN LABORATORY

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The recommendation that a comprehensive plan for a modern spinning research laboratory should be chalked out before expanding the Cotton Technological Laboratory at Matunga was accepted today by the Technological Research Sub-Committee of the Indian Central Cotton Committee which met in the city on Tuesday afternoon.

Sardar Datar Singh, President of the Committee and Vice-Chairman, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, presided. The recommendation was made by the Technical Sub Committee which met a day earlier to consider the question of modification and modernisation of the machinery of the Technological Laboratory.

The Sub-Committee also considered the interim report for the improvement of cotton ginning and a note on the methods of implementing the results of the investigation on improvement of ginning.

FORECAST SUB-COMMITTEE

The Cotton Forecast Sub-Committee of the Indian Central Cotton Committee also met this morning with Shri R. G. Saraiya, Vice-President of the Committee, in the chair. The Sub-Committee approved, 'inter alia', of a pilot scheme for estimation of the cost of production of cotton and rotation crops in Madhya Pradesh and a scheme for crop cutting surveys by the random method for estimation of yield of cotton in the major cotton growing States. The Sub-Committee also agreed to certain suggestions made for minimising the present disparity between the official and trade estimates of the cotton crop.

Subjects dealing with the planned production of cotton, the adoption of measures for improvement of cotton yield in India and the proposals for new schemes and extension of old ones were also considered by the Sectional Sub-Committee of the Agricultural Research Sub-Committee which met on Monday. The Committee's recommendations will be taken up for consideration by the main Agricultural Sub-Committee at its meeting on Wednesday.

PLAINT AGAINST GOVERNMENT

Textile Technicians Ignored

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. D. P. Joshi, President of the All-India Textile Technical and Supervisory Staff Federation, Bombay, has urged the Government of India to include "independent textile technicians" on the recently set-up working party for the textile industry.

The Government of India announced on April 1 the formation of the working party, which is to report within six months on the problems of the textile industry. The working party has on it, representatives of the Government, the employers and the labour.

Mr. Joshi in a statement here today said: "It is regrettable that in the working party the Government have ignored the textile technicians. In most of the enquiries held till now pertaining to the textile industry, the Government have acted in a way as will lend strength to the belief that Government are not particular to take cognizance of the textile technicians.

"The terms of reference of the working party are all related to the technique of the industry and the technicians backed by practical experience, knowledge and skill are the most competent persons to tackle problems of production, rationalisation and lowering of manufacturing costs."

SOLVING MINORITY PROBLEM

Jamiat's 8-Point Plan

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI): An eight-point programme to solve the minority problem in India and Pakistan was suggested today by Maulana Hifzur Rahman, General Secretary of the Jamait Ulama-i-Hind, Delhi.

Maulana Hifzur Rahman said in a statement that the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind was of the opinion that there could be no lasting solution of the minority problem in the two countries unless the eight points suggested by him were strictly acted upon by the two Governments.

THEY ARE:

1. Adequate representation for minorities in Central and Provincial Ministries, key posts, police and military services of the two Governments; 2. Compensation to minorities for all their losses in life and property; 3. Appointment of a minority Minister in the Central Governments of the two countries to look after the interests and rights of minorities; 4. Imposition of collective fines on majority community in the area of disturbances; 5. Unrecognition of forcible conversion and deterrent punishment to the offenders; 6. Setting up of a joint board for the implementation of the agreement entered into by the two Governments for the protection of minorities; 7. Punishment according to law of the State to those responsible for depriving the members of minorities of their life, property and honour or molesting them in any other way; and 8. Fixation of responsibility on the Central Governments of the two countries to deal with all questions affecting the minorities.

FOREIGN TELEGRAMS IN HINDI ALLOWED

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Foreign telegrams may now be expressed in Hindi language provided they are written in Roman alphabets, says a telegraphic notification issued by the Chief Superintendent, the Central Telegraph Office, Bombay.

ORISSA NEWSLETTER:

ORISSA UNWILLING TO SPARE MAHATAB FOR CENTRE

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

CUTTACK, (By Mail).

TWENTYONE Congress members of the Orissa Assembly, it is reported, have submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister requesting them to spare the Chief Minister Mr. Harekrishna Mahatab for some time and not to take him to the Central Cabinet for the present. They say that in the present moment the leadership of Mr. Mahatab in this State was necessary.

It may be mentioned that at a meeting of the Orissa Congress Parliamentary Party held last month when this question came up for discussion, the members could not come to a unanimous decision to choose a leader to replace Mr. Mahatab and since then it was feared that the Party would feel extreme difficulty in sparing its leader to the Centre.

This is not the first time that Mr. Mahatab has been summoned by the topmost Indian leaders to go to the Centre. Besides the initiation of Lord Wavell to the Interim Cabinet before the partition, Mr. Mahatab was invited by Pandit Nehru to accept a ministership in the Central Cabinet during last year when he came to Orissa on a short visit.

Mr. Nabakrishna Chaudhury, a former Revenue Minister and at present Chief Organiser of Basic Education in Orissa, who was persuaded to re-enter the political field by joining the State Cabinet does not appear to be inclined to stage a come-back.

A sizable number of the members of the State Congress Parliamentary Party therefore seem to support the name of Mr. Biswanath Das, M.P. and former Premier of Orissa to replace Mr. Mahatab if and when the latter goes to Delhi Cabinet. This being the position, it becomes difficult to say when Mr. Mahatab would agree to go to Delhi and under what circumstances.

PLEA FOR PEACE

A bold reiteration of the Orissa Government's determination of protecting the minority in the State and an impassioned appeal to the people of Orissa to maintain peace with patience and courage were made by the Chief Minister addressing a very large cosmopolitan gathering of the citizens of Cuttack recently. He was explaining the political situation with particular reference to the communal problem.

Mr. Mahatab said that the progress of the few development schemes was possible mainly due to the fact that there was peace in this State and on no occasion the Government had to call the military to quell any disturbance. He was happy, he said, to know that some neighbouring States have asked the Government of Orissa to send them a batch or two of the police force and some high police officers on loan. By maintaining peace alone could the people strengthen the hands of the Government of India if they wanted the Government to solve the knotty problems. Disturbance of peace was affecting not only the Government of India but also Pakistan and the latter was facing almost the same difficulties as we are facing here, he added.

Incidentally, making a reference to the deficit budgets of Orissa for several years, Mr. Mahatab disclosed that he was taking steps to see that the Orissa budget (adopted on March 29) becomes a surplus one in reality for the first time this year.

REDS GIVE UP FAST

The Communist prisoners, fifty-six of whom were on hungerstrike for more than two weeks, have given up the hunger-strike excepting a few, it is reported, following the visit of three prominent members of the Orissa Assembly inside the Cuttack jail to look into their conditions and examine the demands put forward by the Communists. The visitors are reported to have persuaded the hunger-strikers to give up their fast with success. Several hunger-strikers were in the meantime released on parole. Kumari Nandini Panigrahi, daughter of the wellknown poet and journalist of Orissa, Mr. Kalindicharan Panigrahi, was among those released on parole.

Four prominent Adibasis who were detained and against whom prosecutions were launched in connection with the so-called Adibasi agitation of Mayurbhanj in 1949 have been released. Announcing this the Government of Orissa in the course of a press communique expresses the hope that the released persons will appreciate the lenient attitude of the Government and dedicate themselves to actual constructive work which will uplift the backward section of the society in Mayurbhanj.

WATTLE BARK

A substitute for the South African wattle bark has been found in Orissa forests. The forests abound in karada trees whose barks contain tarin up to 39 percent and the leather produced with it appears to be fairly satisfactory, says a Government of Orissa press note.

The Government of Orissa have advanced a sum of Rs. 50,00.000 to Messrs Dalmia Jain Agencies Ltd., promoters of the Orissa Cement Ltd., for supply of cement, which, it may be noted, would be necessary for the construction of the Hirakud Dam on Mahanadi.

An additional Scholarship of Rs. 1,000 a year to be tenable for six years has been created by the Government of Orissa who secures admission to the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College Dehra Dun with effect from this year. Two other similar Scholarships have already been instituted annually with effect from 1949-50, it is officially learnt.

IT WAS ONLY DUE TO "FOOLS DAY"

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, April 4.

AN announcement in the U.P. Government Gazette dated April 1, says: "Holi holidays will be observed this year from March 3 to March 6. For Kumaon, Holi holidays will last for six days, i.e., from Wednesday March 1 to Monday March 6."

The Gazette was released for distribution yesterday. It was dated April 1, 1950.

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UNBEATEN CENTURY BY A. H. KABIR

Ali Mohamed's 5 For 15 In Giles Shield

INTER-SCHOOLS JUNIOR CRICKET TOURNAMENT

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Three more matches were decided today in Giles Shield Cricket Tournament for High Schools of Bombay, organised and conducted by the Bombay High School Athletic Association, when Sir J. J. P. B. Institution, Bharda New High School and Anjuman-i-Islam High School won their first rounds against Babulal Pannalal Mohanlal High School, Marwari Vidyalaya High School and C. S. Shirolker High School respectively.

Sir J. J. P. B. Institution against their rivals B.P.M. High School on the Parsee Gymkhana Ground at the Kennedy Sea-face, making first use of the wicket rattled up 206 runs before their last batsman was back in the pavilion.

For this huge total they are indebted to A. H. Kabir who carried his bat for a brilliant 102 runs which included 12 hits to the boundary and also to their Captain M. B. Patel who scored a fluent 66 out of which he made 36 by boundaries.

For B. P. M. High School S. B. Palwankar and P. Adekar bowled well and captured 4 and 3 wickets for 83 and 15 runs respectively.

Babulal Pannalal Mohanlal High School in their knock failed very badly and were all out for only 41 runs only S. Gupte and Amalendu could enter into double figures. Gupte scored 13 runs and Amalendu remained not out with 17 runs to his credit.

Bowling honours were shared by E. D. Kateli, M. Patel and N. Modi who secured 4 for 13, 3 for 13 and 3 for 8 runs respectively.

Sir J. J. P. B. Institution beat B. P. M. High School by 165 runs on the first innings at the Kennedy sea-face.

Sir J. J. P. B. I.: 206 (M. B. Patel 66, A. H. Kabir not out 102; S. B. Palwankar 4 for 83, P. Rajan 2 for 75, P. Adekar 3 for 15, S. Gupte 1 for 11).

B. P. M. H. S.: 41 (S. Gupte 13, Amelendu not out 17; E. D. Kateli 15-8-13-4; M. Patel 7-1-13-3; N. Modi 3-4-0-8-3).

Bharda New High School batting first against Marwari Vidyalaya High School at Azad Maidan made 149 runs in their knock and for this they should thank their batsman A. G. Khokhawalla who remained not out with 58 runs to his credit. He, in his 58, had hit 8 fours.

Anand Keshav and Kunj Bihari bowled very well for Marwari Vidyalaya H.S. and captured 4 and 2 wickets for 22 and 16 runs respectively.

Going in to bat Marwari Vidyalaya faired very badly and were skittled out for a paltry 92. Jayisingh and Devendranath were the only two batsmen who could with stand the bowling of Bharda New High School and who scored not out 23 and 16 runs respectively. Jayisingh and Devendranath hit 3 and 2 fours.

For Barda New High School Kothari and Jalunwalla bowled nicely and in between them they bagged 7 wickets, Kothari capturing 4 for 35 and Jalunwalla 3 for 28.

Bharda New High School beat Marwari Vidyalaya High School by 57 runs on the first innings at Azad Maidan.

Bharda New H.S.: 149 (A.G. Khokhawalla not out 58, J. N. Shah 16, A.B. Munim 15, S.K. Kothari 16, S.K. Jalunwalla 12, Anand Keshav 4 for 22, Kunj Bihari 2 for 16).

Marwari Vidyalaya H.S.: 92 (Jayisingh not out 23, Devendranath 16, S. K. Kothari 4 for 35, S. K. Jalunwalla 3 for 28, Rao 1 for 7 runs).

C. S. Shirolker High School going in to bat first could not stand to the bowling of Anjuman-i-Islam High School and were all out for a small total of 76 runs. D.V. Khot made 36 runs for them; while Ali Mahomed and Yokoob Hussein bowled beautifully for Anjuman-i-Islam H.S. and took 5 and 3 wickets for 15 and 16 runs respectively.

Anjuman-i-Islam High School in their venture scored 153 runs. Their skipper Mahomed Hussein retired after scoring 51 good runs which included 7 fours retired and Wazirali carried his bat for a labourious 34, and Abdul Rehman made 28 runs in which he reached boundary line for four times.

K. K. Rege, the skipper and K. R. Digaskar bowled magnificently for C. S. Shirolkar H.S. and the following figures speak for them,

K. K. Rege	21	6	34	4
K. R. Digaskar	20	10	38	4

Anjuman-i-Islam High School beat C. S. Shirolker High School by 87 runs on the first innings at Cross Maidan.

C. S. Shirolker H.S. 1st innings 76 (D.V. Khot 36, Alimahomed 6 for 15, Yakoob Hussein 3 for 16). 2nd innings 37 for 1 wkts.

Anjuman-i-Islam H. S. -53 (Mahomed Hussein retired 51, Abdul Rehman 28, Wazirali not out 34, K.K. Rege 4 for 34, K.R. Digaskar 4 for 38).

In the Day's Sport

BILLIARDS

Islam Gymkhana

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and 8-30 p.m. to 10-30 p.m. Mansur Tybjee vs. T. A Selvaraj (W.I. semi-final in two sessions).

'FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR'

LONDON, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): Joe Mercer, who is to captain Arsenal against Liverpool in the Cup final at Wembley on April 29, has been voted "the footballer of the year" by the members of the Football Writers' Association.

The Association each year choose by ballot the player who, in their opinion, by his bearing on and off the field of play, merits this title.

Mercer, who is 35 will receive the Association's statuette to commemorate the honour at the annual dinner on the eve of the Cup final.

His nearest rival was Billy Wright, captain of Wolverhampton Wanderers, while Stan Mortensen, of Blackpool, and Ron Burgess, captain of Tottenham Hotspurs, were in close attendance.

MACINTYRE & MEHTA WIN DOUBLES TITLE

C.P. And Berar North Zone Tennis

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, April 3.

The Men's Doubles final of the C.P. and Berar North Zone tennis championships was decided at the Gun Carriage Factory Club here yesterday when B. MacIntyre and Ratan Mehta gained a second crown each by defecting A. T. Kanan and Vishwanathan in straight jats. The losers commenced well and took a 5—1 lead in the first set and again got ahead in the eleventh game, but several mistakes cost them the set in the sixteenth game. In the second set the first seven games were won on service when MacIntyre and partner broke through Kannan's service and won the set in the eighth game, clinching the issue in the third set after conceding three games. Te result

MEN'S DOUBLES :FINAL: B. MacIntyre and Ratan Mehta beat A. T. Kannan and Vishwanathan 9—7, 6—4, 6—3.

CONGRATULATIONS!

MR. ANEURIN BEVAN, Britain's Health Minister, genially shakes hands with the 'Sportsman of the Year', world professional sprint cycling champion REG HARRIS after he had presented the trophy at the Savoy Hotel, London, recently. Reg, first cyclist to gain the title, gained a majority of nearly 7,000 votes over Billy Liddell, Liverpool footballer, in the 'Sporting Record' annual poll.

WILSON JONES TO MEET SELVARAJ IN FINAL

Records Highest Break In W. I. Snooker

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

THE National Snooker champion Wilson Jones was in excellent form this evening when in the semi-final of the Western India Snooker Championship, he easily accounted for his opponent P. D. Billimoria in four straight frames.

Jones who was seen to very great advantage this evening gave an exhilarating performance, and in the course of the match recorded the highest break of the tournament. In the third frame which Jones won at 79-22, he made a break of 48 points which constitutes the highest break so far in the tournament.

The scores (Jones first) were: 58-45, 82-14, 79-22 and 48-46.

Wilson Jones now meets the holder of the W. I. snooker title T. A. Selvaraj in the final on Friday.

Yacht Races To Be Held In Ceylon

MADRAS, April 4.

At the Yacht Races to be held in Ceylon on April 8 and 9, The Royal Madras Club will be represented by a team skippered by D. Gordon. The Royal Madras Yacht Club will meet the Royal Colombo Yacht Cdub.

French Middleweight Wins 10-Round Bout On Points

PHILADELPHIA, April 4. (PTI-Reuter): Robert Villemain, French middleweight, defeated Otis Graham, a Negro of Philadelphia, on points in a ten round bout here last night.

CEYLON 3 FOR 128 AT LUNCH

MONTGOMERY (Punjab), April 4.

Ceylon won the toss and decided to bat first on a matting wicket when their two-day match against the District Sports Association began here today.

The teams were:

CEYLON—Jayawickreme, Navaratne, Rodrigo, Makin Salih, Dalpathado, Kelarat, Burton, Jayasinghe, De Zoysa, Fernado, Dharmalingham. Twelfth Man: Goonasena.

MONTGOMERY—Asi, A.A. Qureshi, Safwar Hamid, Isaar Ali, Mohammad Qureshi, Khalid Abdullah, Gha Bashir Ahmed, Tariq Ismail, Murrawant Hussain, Mir Masur, Abdul Raham. Twelfth Man: A. Khan.

Ceylon made 128 for three wickets at lunch in the first innings.

The following is the score board till lunch:

CEYLON (First Innings): Navaratne c Safdar b Murrawat 6, Rodrigo b Safdar 22, Burton l.b.w. b Israr 0, Makin Salih not out 61, Jayawikreme not out 28. Extras 11, TOTAL (for three wickets) 128.

PRESSMEN BEAT CATHOLIC GYM.

Aga Khan Hockey Tournament

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

In the only match played this evening in the Aga Khan hockey tournament, The Times of India beat the Catholic Gymkhana by the odd goal in three.

Both the goals scored for the winners were due to the successful efforts of Frank Correa. Norman Fernandes got the better of the Pressmen custodian P. Fernandes, and beat him scoring off a penalty bully.

BOMBAY GREYS DRAW WITH BOMBAY CITY

Hayes Cup Women's Hockey Final

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Bombay Greys "A" and the Bombay City "A" failed to come to a decision in the final of the Hayes Cup women's hockey tournament played this evening at the Bombay Gymkhana ground.

Two World Records By Russians Recognised

LONDON, April 4.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation has anonounced recognition as world records for performances by two Russian athletes in the men's thirty thousands metres and the women's shot put.

The records are:

One hour 39 minutes 14.6 seconds for thirty thousand metres by F. K. Vanin at Tbilisi, Russia, on November One last year beating the previous record of one hour 40 minutes 45.4 seconds by M. Hietrken of Finland

14.86 metres (forty-eight feet nine inches) for the shot put by K. R. Tocheniva at Tbilisi on October 30 last year beating the previous record of 14.59 metres (forty-seven feet ten and a half inches) by T. N. Sevukova of Russia.

England Will Be Hard-Pressed To Win Against West Indies

COMPOSITION OF TEAM TO AUSTRALIA COMPLETELY OPEN

LONDON, April 4 (PTI-Reuter).

ENGLISH cricket will be subjected to a severe test during the next twelve months. In the season which opens at the end of this month the West Indies, now regarded as one of the strongest cricketing countries, will provide the opposition in four tests, and later in the year England sends a team to tackle the Australians on their own ground.

Competent critics who saw the West Indies defeat G. O. Allen's team in 1947-48 believe that if the summer is warm and the pitches correspondingly fast, England will be hard-pressed to avoid defeat.

The Australian's whirlwind of 1948 is also still a sobering memory against any false optimism which might have been raised by the victories of George Manns England side in South Africa a little over a year ago, and the tactful advantage gained in at least three of last seasons four drawn games with New Zealand

It is not a comforting thought that probably not more than four players, Hutton, Denis Compton, Washbrook and Evans, could be written down as near-certainties for the Australian tour.

Seldom can the composition of a team to visit Australia have been so completely open only a few months before the first invitations are issued.

The visit of the powerful West Indies side will provide an enterprising section committee with opportunities for team-building, but a blending of the "old guard" must be retained. The West Indies challenge must be warded off if the England team is not to go to Australia under the psychological disadvantage of defeat.

The fact that the tests against the West Indies will last five days will provide the England players with good practice for the Australian tests. So will the wealth of fast bowling included in the West Indies team.

Experience against Hines Johnson and the other pace men should stand English batsmen in good stead for their next meeting with Lindwall, Miller and company.

Because of the dearth of good fast bowlers in England, the deeds of Preston (Essex), out of the game last year with a broken leg, Aspinal and Trueman (Yorkshire), Ridgway (Kent) and Jackson (Derbyshire) will be keenly followed.

Another pressing consideration for England's selectors is that of captaincy. With so few good amateurs available, it has been suggested that a star professional would suit admirably, but those in cricket hierarchy have shown no sign of a break from tradition.

Much rests on the ability of Norman Yardley and Freddie Brown, former England captains, to strike form to justify their selection.

In the last two seasons there have been encouraging signs that more and more young men of ability are coming nto the game, and the progress of Brian Close (Yorkshire), if military service allows him to play, Lowson (Yorkshire), G. H. Doggart (Cambridge), D. J. Insole (Essex), Berry (Lancashire), the two Graveneys of Gloucestershire, Townsend and Spooner of Warwickshire, and Harvey (Nottinghamshire) will be followed with interest.

All are looked upon as candidates for regular places in England's test team in the near future.

FREEBOOTER WAS AN "UGLY DUCKLING"

Grand National Winner Was Once Offered For £ 50

LONDON, APRIL 4 (PTI-REUTER).

IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT UNLESS ONE GETS VERY LONG ODDS A HORSE THAT ONE KNOWS IS GOING TO START AT A SHORT PRICE, AND ONLY THOSE INTIMATELY CONNECTED WITH THE HORSE KNOW THIS, THE PUBLIC ARE FAR BETTER OFF WAITING FOR THE DAY OF THE EVENT BEFORE PUTTING THEIR MONEY DOWN.

So many are tempted to back a horse as soon as they see its price shrinking, little realising that someone else has already taken the cream off the market. The bookmakers say the Grand National cost them a very great deal of money singly, and in doubles particularly. Possibly it did, but they have had matters all their own way in these two races for decades and the day was bound to come when two favourites or near-favourites would win

Many of them take the long view expressed in these columns only a few weeks back that it was really a sound thing for them.

HOPELESS TASK

So many outsiders were turning up in both the Lincoln and National that punters were not laying the money down as they used to do. They thought it was hopeless to find one winner, let alone two.

But next year unless punters keep the picture of Freebooter fixed clearly in their mind and remember the falls of Angel Hill and Cloncarrig, they will double their wagers and there will be another rich harvest for the bookmakers.

Freebooter, nine-year-old son of Steel Point, will have a bid at winning the National again next year, according to his trainer Bobby Renton. He will be given a well-earned rest until the next National hunt season begins in the autumn.

As one who has yet to run at Aintree without winning, Freebooter will command a big following if he goes to the post fit and well next year.

Yet, success one year is no guarantee of success in the second. Russian hero, who defeated a large field to win splendidly in 1949 was one of the first to fall this year, going down at the very first obstacle; which only goes to show how unpredictable the Grand National is.

Freebooter, described in the dictionary as "one who plunders" (and the bookmakers say never was a horse more aptly named) was given that name after an Irish football team.

The horse was born and bred at County Waterford in Eire on a small farm, where his full brother pulls the plough. The owner of the farm and breeder of the horse Mr. William Phelan offered the horse for 50 guineas as a foal. He was unsold.

As a yearling his price was still 150 guineas and still none wanted him.

Then an Irish vet. Mr. Harry Oleary, thought it must be worth at least a few hundred pounds and decided to buy him.

The third owner of the horse was the well-known Irish jockey, Danny Moore, now a trainer in Eire. He shared Oleary's view that Freebooter might be useful and decided to buy him. Moore gave £600 for the horse, which meant a nice little profit for the vet.

FOURTH OWNER

Then along came the fourth owner, John McCann, breeder. This Irishman thought so much of the possibilities of Freebooter that he paid £1,500 for the horse.

Three years ago trainer Renton went over to Eire to buy some horses and obtained Freebooter for his present owner, Mrs. L. Brootherton of Yorkshire, for 3,250 guineas. Thus did the "ugly duckling" offered and unsold at 50 guineas leave his country for the shores of Yorkshire at a comparatively high price.

JOCKEY'S TRAGIC DEATH

Collapses After Working Horses

JOHANNESBURG, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): South Africa's champion jockey Harry "Cocky" Feldman, collapsed and died here today after a training gallop. He went to work today on the horse he was to have ridden in the Autumn Handicap next Thursday. Returning to his home, which was near the racetrack he complained of pains in the chest. He collapsed and died almost immediately. Feldman who was about thirty-five was champion jockey of South Africa for several seasons. He retained the championship last season with 118 winners from 547 mounts.

He also rode for a short time in Ireland and recently the Jockey Club gave him clearance to enable him to apply for a licence to ride in Britain —his lifelong ambition.

Eight Clubs Enter For All India Regatta

MADRAS, April 4.

The All-India Regatta will commence here at Adyar tomorrow Eight clubs, four from Calcutta alone, are expected to participate in the events which include Fours, Paris and Sculls

The final is to be held on Saturday, April 8. The Calcutta University Club, the holders, beat Madras in the final last year.

RECOVER ABDUCTED WOMEN

Memorandum Send To Amrit Kaur

BANARAS, April 4 (PTI): Women of Banaras have sent a memorandum to Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, India's Health Minister, urging that first priority should be given to the recovery of abducted and forcibly converted women in East Bengal.

The memorandum, which has also been addressed to women members of Parliament and other women leaders and organisations in the country, said that women were the worst sufferers in communal disturbances in East Bengal.

It said that humanity and civilisation demanded that every individual should resent against such oppression to women and appealed to everyone to exert influence upon the powers that rule to guarantee help to these unfortunate women before any agreement was arrived at between the two governments in the negotiations that were now going at Delhi.

REFUGEE SENTENCED FOR CHEATING

MADRAS, April 4 (PTI): Ramnath Aggarwala, West Punjab refugee, was sentenced to six months rigorous imprisonment by Mr. Justice Somasundaram today at the criminal sessions of the Madras High Court for the offence of committing forgery and cheating.

The prosecution alleged that the accused tore a leaf from the cheque book of a merchant, forged his signature, and drew a cheque on the Punjab National Bank and obtained money from the bank.

Pleading "guilty", the accused regretted the commission of the crime which, he said, he did because of the straightened circumstances of his family and to save his wife and children from starvation.

EDUCATING MASSES IN SANITATION

Kanpur Programme

KANPUR, April 4 (PTI): A sixteen-point constructive programme will be followed in 192 villages in Kanpur District to educate the masses in sanitation, prohibition and self-help, according to the District Panchayat Officer, Kanpur.

There are 192 Gaon Sabhas out of which one model village will be selected in the district for the implementation of the constructive programme.

U. P. Loan To 1,400 Refugees

KANPUR, April 4 (PTI): The loan of Rs. 9,85,000 sanctioned by the U.P. Government in the year 1949-50 to held the refugee industrialists and businessmen has been distributed to 1,400 refugees in Kanpur.

The refugees to whom the money has been loaned hail from the Punjab, Sind and West Pakistan.

Increasing Food Production

MADHYA BHARAT MEASURES

GWALIOR, April 4 (UPI): The Development Minister, Mr. Rameshwaddayal Total, in reply to a question in the Madhya Bharat Legislative Assembly said that Agriculture Department distributed 25,362 maunds of good seeds to cultivators and helped them with improved quality of manure. For grow more food, considerable quantity of artificial manure was distributed. The cultivators were assisted by other essential modern means of cultivation to protect crop and increase production. In order to ameliorate general conditions of cultivators the Government opened 1,000 primary schools in villages during the year, and 100 ayurvedic dispensaries were also opened.

In reply to another question, the Development Minister stated that eleven training camps for Congress workers in Madhya Bharat were organised by the Government and no less than 1,100 workers were trained in these camps in various districts so as to give impetus to village uplift work.

BANDIT HIDE-OUTS STRAFED

Giving It Back To Malay Guerillas

SINGAPORE, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): Tempests and Spitfires bombed and strafed terrorist-held hill country in the Mentakab area of Central Malaya today, striking back at widespread guerilla raids in which five Britons fell wounded.

A Malay constable was killed, a British administrator Mr. A. H. Girdler, was seriously wounded, and two British soldiers were slightly wounded in an ambush near Youngpeng, Johore today.

In the Kedah area a European assistant planter who had volunteered for anti-bandit work was slightly wounded in a police clash with a terrorist band.

Last night a British soldier and three civilians were wounded when guerillas attacked the Singapore, Kuala Lumpur mail train in Johore State.

PURGE OF COMMUNISTS FROM GOVERNMENT

Attlee's Assurance

LONDON, April 4. (PTI-Reuter): Prime Minister Clement Attlee told Parliament today that the Government's purge of Communists from the Civil Service would be "resolutely pursued".

He was replying to Conservative Sir Waldron Smithers, who asked him to intensify the purge in view of the facts information and names he had sent him.

Mr. Attlee replied that it was the Government's policy to ensure that no one known to be a member of the Communist Party or to be associated with it in such a way as to raise legitimate doubts about his reliability was employed on work vital to the security of the State.

Arab League Pact

CAIRO, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): Arab League Secretary General Azzam Pasha told newsmen today that the Political Committee "hopes to submit a complete draft for a collective security pact to the League Council during its current session".

Discussion on the proposed pact, linking the League's seven members States into a political, military and economic alliance, were resumed today, attended by staff officers and economic experts.

Oslo Prepares For Next Winter Olympic Games

OSLO. (By MAIL).

BISLET stadium, in the Centre of Oslo, has been chosen as the main arena for the winter olympic games, which are to be held here in 1952.

The Municipal Committee appointed to make the arrangements for the Games has already made great progress with its plans, the general outline of which was approved by the Oslo city council last autumn.

The plans include extension and alterations to Bislet Stadium, building of a new bob-run, improvements to the already world-famous ski-jumping hill at Holmenkollen, and construction on the existing Jordal Stadium in Oslo of an artificial ice-rink.

EASY REACH

All the events, with the exception of the downhill ski race, will be within easy reach of the centre of the city. Oslo is expecting a big influx of visitors in connection with the Games and work is being pushed forward on new hotels to accommodate them. One of these new hotels, to be called the Viking and situated not far from the East Station, is to be reserved for the foreign press.

Bislet Stadium, where the formal opening ceremonies will take place, has already been the scene of many international sporting events from world speed skating championships and European figure skating championship in winter to European athletics and international football in summer. The present stands are built to accommodate some 28,000 spectators, but when the extensions planned are completed, it will hold 40,000.

The Olympic slalem hill is also situated within the city boundaries. Its course has a length of 422.5 metres with a drop of 169 metres The start is 479 metres above sea level and the finish about 310 metres. There is ample room for spectators. Plan allow upto 20,000.

A number of improvements were made at Rockleiva last summer and work is to be continued as soon as the snow has gone this spring. One of the most difficult tasks facing the Norwegian Olympic committee was the construction of what is, in fact, Norway's first bob-run

ICE-RINK

The new artificial ice-rink where the ice-hockey events will be held is to be built on the site of the existing Stadium, in the east end of Oslo. It will hold about 10,000 spectators The contract for the necessary pipes and refrigeration plant has already been placed and work will start this month. The existing stadium is to be greatly extended, even at the expense of demolishing some blocks of houses in the vicinity The downhill ski race is the only event which will take place outside the city boundaries. The course chosen lies in the Nore mountains in about 100 kilometres (60 miles) north-west of Oslo. This is a difficult and well-known course used every year during the Holmenkollen ski races. With the start of 900 metres above sea level and the finish at 190 metres, the course has a drop of 710 metres and a total length of 2,435 metres. The start lies well above the three-line, but about four-fifths of the course lies through forest.

For the Games, the course is to be widened and a new ladies' downhill course constructed. A new bridge will be built across the narrow Lake Kroderen, Fjeldhvil Hotel, situated close to the course just at the three-line is to be enlarged and a new approach road built. There is also to be a new tourist lodge with 100 beds, and a new first-class hotel to accommodate 150 guests.

The Bombay Chronicle

WELCOME

Bombay welcomes Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the First President of the Indian Republic, on this his first official visit to the City and State. The main occasion which brings him here, is a great social experiment, Prohibition, and it is very pleasing that this should be so. The visit and the inauguration both combine to make the day an outstanding one in Bombay's history. Dr. Rajendra Prasad comes to us at a time when one might well understand his desiring to stay on at the Capital where the Indo-Pakistan talks are being held and to which all eyes are turned. Good things, it has been said, come in threes. It would be singularly fortunate if the President is able to announce a happy settlement of the troubled controversies between the two Dominions when he inaugurates Prohibition in the Kanheri National Park on April 6. The fact that it will divert attention from the main event, is as nothing compared to the meaning that it will give to the inauguration. And, since his visit to Kanheri is in connection with declaring open the Gandhi Mandir, such an announcement will make the Mandir also a memorial to inter-Dominion peace. However that might happen, we welcome Dr. Rajendra Prasad in our midst both as President and for his own sake.

An Internal Affair

Mr. M. R. Masani Chairman of the U.N. Sub-Commission for Prevention of Discrimination against and for Protection of Minorities, has put forward a thought-provoking contribution to the two Dominions minorities problem. Mr. Masani draws greatly from the experience of the League of Nations and expresses surprise that no one has so far referred to the League's work in protecting minority rights. Unfortunately, the period, when the League interested itself in the minorities, was just the time when the need of the minorities was greatest. The World War of 1914-1918, as Mr. Masani observes, created new states out of the ruins of four Empires—the Austro-Hungarian, the German, the Russian and the Ottoman. So far as Germany and Turkey were concerned, their extra-national territories being outside Europe the empires were liquidated on a basis of sharing out between the victors. The nation-states of Europe were formed out of the remnants of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the slices cut out of the Russian. It was with these that the League mainly concerned itself and the problem was how to see that elements, which had been suppressed for generations, did not try to wreak vengeance on those who had often persecuted them or subjected them to humiliating conditions or even merely forced an inferior status upon them. Historical analogies are always to be entered on with care and precedents cautiously selected. It is a chastening thought that the League was not able to do very much even for the national minorities that it was so anxious to protect with its minority treaties, and that other minorities were subjected to extreme persecution such as no other age had witnessed. The treatment of the Jews by Poland and later Germany must make anyone, who draws in the League as an example, blush. And, though it happened when the League of Nations had virtually collapsed, still we cannot ignore the fact that the conscience that had been fostered under the League in Europe resulted in the West going to the rescue of Poland which had a bad record of minority treatment, and not of Czechoslovakia which had respected the minority treaties of the League.

If there is one lesson to be learnt from the League of Nations, it is that extreme care must be taken that the two opposite evils of tyranny of the majority and tyranny of the minority must be avoided. The national majority must not ride roughshod over the small groups; but at the same time the small groups should not be encouraged to obstruct national development. It is common practice to talk of the American example. But in America all national minorities conform to one standard and English is practically forced on them all. Mr. Masani referred to minority rights as broadly accepted by the League. They are, to quote, "a guarantee of fundamental Human Rights; second, the principle of equality and the right to nationality free from any discrimination vis-a-vis the dominant majority; and third, particular guarantees in regard to the preservation of distinctive cultural, religious and linguistic characteristics". In dealing with this matter, it has to be borne in mind that not only the minority, that is affected by the troubles, is involved but a whole lot of others in both countries and particularly in India. There are communal, linguistic and caste minorities. Now that India has been building on a central system with a single national language and is trying to work up from scratch, it would be complicating matters if concessions to minorities are decided on without any regard to the needs of developing national unity and in fact to the extent of retarding national development completely. There has already been a minority charter included in the Constitution and it is mainly inspired by the feeling that no communal loyalty should be allowed to intrude between loyalty to the nation and the individual. Mr. Masani has commented on the failure to note the achievements of the League of Nations but, strangely enough, he has himself completely ignored the Indian Constitution's provisions. This possibly is because he is more interested in discussing the machinery of implementing minority safeguards than with the content of the safeguards.

Mr. Masani commends the setting up of a mixed Commission or other machinery for observation, supervision and implementation in order to give effect to the terms that might be agreed upon by the two Governments. And he suggests that the "neutral element" for the necessary detachment and objectivity might be secured by the two Dominions asking jointly for foreign personnel. It is one way of reaching a solution and it might be explored if nothing else can be found. Alone, it will be inadequate since the problem involves many States of the Republic and many Provinces of the Dominion and since Law and Order is a subject for the unit. What is a possible solution is an inter-Dominions organisation at the Centre and provincial committees with minorities in the larger proportion to exercise vigilance in the units. In the main, the question is one that must be solved as an internal one by each country. In the reports that have been received unofficially on the progress of the talks so far, it seems that the decision is to set up in each country an inquiry committee presided over by a High Court Judge and including a representative of the minorities to look into the origin and extent of disturbances in their respective countries. An inter-Dominions body would mean continued deadlock. We are not very much in favour in calling in foreign personnel because both countries must learn to deal direct with one another and the visit of the Pakistan Prime Minister has opened out an opportunity that should not be lost. In each country the majority must be made to realise its responsibility towards its own minority. An inter-Dominion body could have helped if there was the necessary understanding between the two Dominions, and mutual trust. In the existing circumstances, it would foster the idea that the minority of one Dominion is the concern of the other. The agreement will meet the immediate needs of a troubled situation. But it would be well if there was also set up in either country an independent, semi-official organisation to train and bring together active workers for communal unity, understanding and tolerance. We should like to see India giving the lead in this direction and in India the Congress itself which has the resources and prestige to take up the work.

"Separate But Equal"

Though not practised to the same degree of intolerable hostility as in South Africa, colour bar is very much in existence in the U.S.A. That nation has assimilated many races of Europe but it has always drawn a line at coloured people. Any mixing of "yellow", "brown" or "black" blood with "white" has always been looked upon by the average American with disapproval. Though the days of lynching seem to have passed, there are many Americans who have an innate aversion and hostility towards the Negroes. The Government and the enlightened section of the people have been fighting a valiant battle but prejudices die hard. Though the U.S. constitution assures equality to all, whatever be their race, creed or colour, the people have found a way to circumvent the principles in the constitution. A Washington Court case has highlighted one such 54-year old doctrine of "separate but equal" treatment to Negroes. This doctrine has laid down that segregated schools, buses, restaurants, hotels and other public gathering places do not violate the constitution of the United States. This doctrine may ease the elastic conscience of some Americans but neither satisfies the coloured people nor adds to the stature of the United States, which professes to be the premier democracy of the world. By her might and wealth, the United States is already at the head of the democratic world, but, if she wants to be the ideological leader of the democracies also, as opposed to the communist nations, she will have to work out of her system a poison, like colour. There can be no half measures. The United States must prove that she is genuine about her belief in democracy to the Asian nations, who have to choose between Democracy or Communism. No doubt, the whole world will be watching the case before the United States Supreme Court that segregation tables in railway dining cars involved a humiliating and insiduous discrimination against Negroes. We hope the Supreme Court will face the issue squarely and there will not be any side-tracking or equivocation like dependence on "separate but equal" status.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

WASHINGTON, April 3, (P.T.I-Reuter): The United States Attorney-General, Mr. J. Howard McGrath, told the United States Supreme Court today that segregation tables in railway dining cars involved a humiliating and insidious discrimination against negroes.

..."Few things can be more insidious, more humiliating than thus to be tagged as unfit to associate with others", he added.

"The 'Jimcrow' (segregation) table is at the kitchen end of the car and is separated from the next table by a curtain or a five feet high partition extending from the side of the car to the aisle.

"The barrier in the dining car is important, not only as a physical barrier but as a symbol."

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Commenting on the Nehru-Liaquat talks, the "New York Times" says: "All those, who wish Indians and Pakistanis well, will be watching most closely the course of the New Delhi discussions. If a really broad understanding can be reached an important step towards stability and peace will have been taken."

Kind friends outside India and Pakistan permitting—with a restraint on their-er-well-informed, authoritative sympathies.

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There is a suggestion in Karachi that an additional Deputy High Commissioner for Pakistan in India should be appointed with headquarters at Lucknow and that he should be none other than Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman himself.

Which appointment would, therefore, be most interesting from every point of view — except the Chaudhry Sahib's.

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A Sind Awami Muslim League has been formed with Pir Illahi Bux as its chief organiser and will seek affiliation with Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy's Pakistan Awami Muslim League.

Which evidently means that Pir Illahi Bux has almost lost hopes of regaining any Ministership. Yes, almost but not quite, since the Pir Sahib will be open to changing his affiliations if and when necessary.

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Annoyed by so many things including the Seretse affair, the famous West Indies "coloured" cricketer, Learie Constantine warns Britain and, in fact, all concerned that "if the black man is going to be kicked about in the streets of London, then the White man is going to be kicked about in Gold Coast and Nigeria. We are not going to put up with this inferior status because we are black."

And the most scandalous, horribly "civilisation"—shaking thing about it is that it is going to happen too one day.

CRY FOR SIKHISTAN

By Sardul Sing Caveeshar

THE IDEA of the formation of new linguistic provinces has at its back the same communal mentality that gave birth to Pakistan. When a Sikh province, a Marhatta province or a Kanada province is demanded on the basis of languaage, the background is always communal. It is not the love of a language but the communal and separatist ideas that are the motive power behind such a demand.

Americans fought a Civil War to end similar fissiparous tendencies in their country. We need not, after the creation of Pakistan, end these communal tendencies by waging any civil war. But Indians should certainly regard it as extremely objectionable that any person should even now agitate for the division of the country on communal lines.

DISINTEGRATION DANGER

The evil requires to be nipped in the bud. Today we may demand the creation of new provinces on the basis of communal or so-called linguistic considerations. Tomorrow we may demand autonomy for these states. We shall thus pave way for the disintegration of the unity and strength of the country for which it had suffered for the last one thousand years.

Forces of disintegration have already raised their head in Pakistan. Through jealousy some of us feel happy over such developments. But we should see that our own country is not allowed to fall victim to such unpatriotic tendencies.

SIKHISTAN DEMAND

One feels surprised at the tenacity of some of the Akalis who are agitating in favour of the creation of a Sikh Province. Those who love mankind and desire its advancement are moving towards a world-federation, but these gentlemen are still harping on the antiquated idea of dividing the Provinces on the basis of religious communities inhabiting them.

The Sikh community is no majority only in a few of the Punjab districts, and there too its majority is only bare. The separatist-Akalis desire to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Jinnah, without the advantage of the circumstances that helped Mr. Jinnah to achieve his goal. Not only they have not Mr. Jinah's majority in any respectable part of the country, they have not got the Britishers to help them as they helped Mr. Jinnah in pursuance of their policy to divide India and weaken her strength.

The Sikhs are virile and enterprising. They can certainly get more than their own in a free and secular state. But if communalism of the sort the Akali Dal leaders are trying to foster prevails, the Sikhs would lose thereby heavily outside the Punjab. And in the proposed Sikh province, being in bare majority, they cannot have all their own way like the Moslems in Pakistan.

STAY WITH HINDUS

At present the Sikhs are respected all over India. They are in the forefront to the Indian society socially, economically and politically. But if communalism of the type the Akali Dal leaders want to establish succeeds, their progress shall be confined to a small territory, and in that territory too, owing to internal dissensions and external jealousies, they shall not have peace and prosperity.

Socially and politically the Hindus and the Sikhs are in the same boat. Why not then let us more forward like equal brothers pushing forward common interests with the united strength of all the Indian communities? Why to perpetuate communal conflicts which should be best avoided in all circumstances but specially so at present when the economic conditions in the country are so bad. As Guru Govind Singhji explained, owing to temporal and geographical circumstances there may be some differences in the conventions and customs of the Sikhs and the Hindus. Though the Hindus and Sikhs inter-dine and inter-marry, one may even lay emphasis on some minor social and cultural differences between the two. Personally, I think these differences are not greater than those in the habits and manners of two brothers born of the same parents. But only a blind bigot born of the British traditions of Divide and Rule can say that the political interests of the Sikhs and the Hindus are different or are opposed to each other.

SHORT-SIGHTED POLICY

The communal policy of the Akali Dal leaders has not achieved anything substantial for the Sikhs so far. They allied themselves with the Unionists in the Punjab and the Muslim Leaguers in the Frontier Province. Where are those gains which that party is said to have gained at the sacrifice of nationalism? They allied themselves with the Britishers during the last war. They acted as their recruiting seargents when the national Congress fought against the foreign rule. What did they gain by following that short-sighted communal policy?

Economic conditions in India border on a crisis. Scarcity of food and consumer goods coupled with corruption and black-marketing have robbed the national struggle of its success. People are feeling miserable and frustrated. The Punjab, owing to the difficulty of the refugees problem, is in a still sadder plight. The Congressmen and the Akalis are divided amongst themselves and fight on party lines instead of devoting their energies in affording relief to those who are victims of poverty and injustice. In such a dark atmosphere what is required is sanity, sobriety and constructive thought and action. Instead of helping the people in showing them the light, the com-

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Waste Of Time

It is high time that the Labour Departments of State Governments tried to find out how many hours of man-labour are wasted in the operation of various controls and rationing. It is necessary also to find out the extra cost involved in the Government policy. There is a common complaint from most of the industries that in the face of increased cost, the per capita production has declined. The cotton trade which used to provide work to thousands is at a standstill in the city. Five associations which were doing extensive business are without work. Import controls have driven thousands out of business while the grant of licences for exports to a few have been reduced many firms to idleness. The weekly rationing involves a loss of millions of hours every week. Thus with mounting unemployment and colossal waste of time, it is impossible to attain any economic progress. It is no use to say that the people are not co-operative. They must be taught the necessity of co-operation. All controls must be simplified to save cost and unnecessary waste of time. There are long queues in almost all rationing shops and they have to wait for hours, sometimes, for their turn. Why are those customers not allotted days and even time, wherever possible, to avoid delay? If simple methods are adopted there will be considerable saving of time and cost. It is said that about 51 per cent of the income of the average wage earner is spent on food. If the controls are simplified by reducing the overhead charges of management and administration, it will help in lowering the cost of living. Unless some effective steps are taken to save unnecessary waste of time and to restore normal trade, it is impossible to raise the standard of living. The failure of the compulsory saving scheme was mainly due to the high cost of living as with diminishing profits in business and industries, giving of bonus has become impossible. Thus without any saving how can a compulsory saving scheme succeed? If the Government is anxious to improve the economic conditions of the people they must create circumstances to ensure the success of any scheme or planning. Otherwise they will remain pious hopes, leading no where.

Australian Example

In the first three post-war years, Australia opened 8,445 new factories and engaged one lakh more factory workers. The engineering and metal industries are forging ahead and they employ three lakhs of workers or 80 per cent more than in 1939. Since the war 3,707 companies have poured £A 173,000,000 of new capital into Australia's expanding industries and overseas investors have put in £ A 64,000,000 or nearly half of this total and it is hoped that in this year many more local and overseas investors will join this new "gold rush". Australia is still the world's largest exporter of wool and the third largest exporter of wheat. Now Australia is faced with the need to win long-term export markets for her mounting production. Before the war this country used to export non-fabricated goods. Under the stimulus of war and post-war demand factory production has shot up by 69 per cent in ten years. The recently-elected Australian Federal Government has established a new ministry for national development to co-ordinate and encourage economic growth. The Minister in charge, Mr. Casey, believes that Australia is undercapitalised. Annual savings are nothing like sufficient to finance the rate development of national resources and must attract capital from overseas—either government or private enterprise or both. There are only two countries from which such capital can come—Britain or America. At the same time he has warned Australia to preserve a reasonable balance between primary and secondary production. The feature of growth of Australia's manufacturing industries has been the large scale entry of overseas capital. Of a total of 1672 entirely new big and small businesses, 107 were owned or closely linked with important overseas manufacturers. British interests were in 59 of these, United States interest in 42 and other countries in six. This shows the willingness of foreign capital to develop the industries of Australia. While we have enormous supply of raw materials, cheap labour and millions of consumers in this country, why do they hesitate to help us when such help is urgently needed?

Communists On The Brain

Communists are so much on the brains of some United States Senators and publicists that they have embarked upon a veritable witch-hunt. But the trouble is that they see Communists and Communist sympathisers everywhere. They have even openly suspected Dr Philip Jesup of entertaining Communist sympathies. If, therefore, the obsessed Senators and Congressmen are capable of denouncing known anti-Communist as pro-Communist it is not surprising that they should lose all sense of logic, justice and international obligations over the question of the 70 Chinese aircraft, which the Hong Kong Court has awarded to Communist China as against the claims of the Kuomintang. The Communist case is that the aircraft should be transferred to Communist China because the commercial companies owning them have voluntarily joined up with Peking. This was contested by the Nationalists and, in addition, Americans also have laid claim to the ownership of the aircraft. The Hong Kong Court has decided in favour of Communist China but there has been an appeal which is still pending. Ignoring all this, a group in the United States Congress, says a London report, is advocating a "get tough" policy toward Britain if she persists in plans to release the 71 transport planes to the Chinese Communists. Some of the members of Congress who feel strongly about the matter will have an opportunity to influence the disposition of funds for the military aid programme and they go so far as to suggest that the flow of superfortress bombers to Britain should be stopped unless the decision is reversed.

Dangerous Dictation

The ordinary, reasonable course demanded by respect for fair judicial process would have been, first, to wait for the result of the appeal. And if that was unfavourable, then, secondly, to take the issue as between two countries to, say, the International Court of Justice. What the Congressmen concerned are advocating is to brush aside all international obligations and to force Britain at the point of the Marshall Aid and Atlantic Defence pistols to submit to them regardless of the merits and justice of the case. This means an attempt to dictate policy and principles—undemocratic and un-judicial principles — to those who benefit from U. S. economic and military aid. Which raises an important question as to whether American assistance is intended to be exploited for ends other than those protested by the United States. It is an important question for Asia too which is intended to be a beneficiary, in terms of "Point Four" of the Truman programme. Is the assistance to be accompanied by American dictation of policy to the recepients? We do hope the move referred to in the London report is firmly resisted and rejected by the U. S. Congress.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Revolutionise The Inspectorate

Our Educational Ministers in different parts of India have launched many a scheme for the reorganisation of our educational system. To carry out successfully the spirit of the reorganised scheme, there should be a special type of inspecting officers who can guide the educational institutions, and in particular the teaching profession with friendly advice on all problems touching the educational world.

From my personal contact with the educational department in Madras, as an active educationalist, I can state boldly and without any reservation, that so long as the Educational Rules and Grant-in-Aid Code (the nomenclature might be different in different States in India) exist in their present form, one cannot expect any change in the attitude of the inspecting officers for better.

Other countries have succeed in tackling the problems of education, and there is no reason why we should lag behind any of civilised countries in solving them. Let us take for example the role, the inspecting officer, in England, plays in the frame work of education in the British Isles. He is a specialist in his field of educational work; he makes all possible efforts to keep himself ahead of the times, in his own subject and other subjects which are correlated to his own. He visits the schools under his jurisdiction, as a friend and well-wisher, learns from the active educational workers more; suggests new ideas to the staff. Administrative routine, he has very little to attend to; for there are specialists for such work. You go to any part of the country in the Isles, either to a city, a town or a village, schools look to these officers as their own intimate friends and always look forward for their advice and guidance. Why can we not introduce such a system in our own land? Our educational officers are very capable persons; they have foreign training and also vast experience. But there is no scope for them to utilise this; they are over-burdened with innumerable office files and work to attend to. Where is the time for these officers to study, to visit places where experiments are carried on and discuss the problems of education with others who are working in the same field? This is a great tragedy.

The way out for this bold step is to liberalise the inspectorate, give full freedom to the educational institutions in carrying on the administration of its day to day work and allow the real teachers, who choose the service of the child, as their life's vocation to function on the staff without departmental impediments.

I hope the education Ministries in all our states will bestow their serious thought to this burning question of education, and thus revolutionalise the whole system of inspectorate, on which depends the successful working of any progressive and liberal educational scheme meant for the education and training of the Indian Child.

—DR. V. N. SHARMA.
Ph. D. (Heidelberg).

"The Nagpur Express"

There are some mail, express and pasenger trains by which season ticket holders to Kalyan are prohibited from travelling. A list of such trains has been published both in the official time table and the sheet time tables exhibited in station platforms. From a perusal of this, one will find that there is no restriction on season ticket holders to travel by the Up and Down Nagpur Expresses.

The other day, I was about to board the Nagpur Express at Kalyan but I was warned by a ticket collector that I was not entitled to travel by that train. I told him that there was no ban to which he replied that if I travelled, 'there would be trouble' for me. I did not want to take any chances and changed over to a local train. On reaching V.T., I made enquiries and the clerk at the main line enquiry office was kind enough to look into the rules and informed me that there was no such restriction on season ticket holders.

Will the railway officials instruct the staff to be better acquainted with such elemenatary rules, instead misleading the public?

—A WAYFARER.

Back To Cities?

Under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi the Congress slowly but surely and increasingly became a mass organisation. The main reason of this was that it began to pay more and more attention to rural India. One of the results of this was that it began to hold its Sessions in villages. Of late, however, we find a clear evidence that this Congress is drifting back to cities. The last sessions of the Congress were held all in the cities. Further, whether it is Independence Day Function, August 5th Celebrations, or any other such occasion, right from the President of the country or of the Congress to the ministers and leaders and presidents and members of the Provincial, District or Taluka Committees, they all grace only those functions which are held in the cities or towns. The reports in the files of old papers are there for any one to verify as to who graced which function where and when. Should not a convention be established by which a practice may be introduced that on such occasions only one leader be present in the cities and the rest distribute themselves in villages? Such an introduction of decentralisation in the sphere of celebrations of National Functions will contribute much to getting back in touch with villages.

The venue of the next Sessions of Congress will also be a city. Will it be too late to reconsider the matter for the Working Committee? All those really interested in the real India, and Congress too, should raise their very emphatic protest against this drift back to the cities. Let us hope the Sarvodaya Sammelan, which is also holding its sessions these days, will consider this a live issue threatening the very ideology of Sarvodaya, and throw its whole weight in stopping this drift.

—S. M. NEKSATKHAN.

Refugees

I had to move in camps at Rawali Hills for a number of months I feel that there should be no differential treatment to refugees from Punjab, Sind or even from the villages of Madras and Bombay Provinces. Independence has added to our responsibilities and we all should try to solve our problems on humanitarian basis. Let me take a practical example. All families need medicl help. If the heads of the families staying at Sindhi colony, Punjab colony and Bhimnagar unite together and collect one rupee from each family they can create a good hospital for the use of all. Such a hospital will bring all together and save the burden of individual families. The difference that you see today in the three colonies will be no where and all the residents will live there as the citizens of Bharat.

—L. D. DIXIT.

Sidelights On Britain

Statistics Tell A Story

By John Kingsley

A M. P. once raised a laugh in the House of Commons by remarking that he never failed to enjoy a ramble through the Monthly Digest of Statistics. Not everyone has the gift of being able to enjoy statistics as a form of entertaining reading, but more and more statistics are becoming the raw material of politics and, therefore, compulsory reading for Members of Parliament.

The British Government now publishes an extensive range of statistical information. The Monthly Digest, costing half half a crown, has 136 pages of statistical tables in its latest issue, and the Annual Abstract of Statistics, costing 12s. 6d., is a book of nearly 300 pages.

There is, of course, a story of the life of the British people behind these columns of figures. Some newere figures, collected since the National Insurance and National Health schemes began in July 1948, give information which has before only been guessed at.

We know now, for example, the proportion of the working population which is kept away from work by illness at different times of the year. Last year February and March were the two worst months for illness and it looks as though the same will be true of this year. More than twice as many people are away from work through illness in these months as there are in the three best months—June, July and August.

RETAIL SALES

January and February, statistics of retail sales show, are bad months for shop-keepers. People spend heavily in the shops in November and December and then, after Christmas, a shopping slump sets in and business does not get back to normal until about May or June. This setback hits smaller shops rather more than it does department stores and chain stores. The retail sales figures measure accurately what has always been widely assumed and they explain the customary January sales at cut prices. The next slackest month for shop-keepers is August, Britain's favourite month for holidays.

Sometimes a set of figures will expose a fallacy. Cigarette smokers, for example, are generally under the impression that there is less smoking than before the war because there is a shortage of cigarettes in the shops. In fact, consumption of tobacco is about 12 per cent greater than before the war, and the shortage of cigarettes is due to the fact that the demand has increased still more.

This is the kind of information about the British people's way of life which can be got at first glance from the tables of statistics. A more comprehensive picture can be built up by breaking down and averaging out the available statistics to discover trends of economic and social change.

RE-DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME

A series of articles in the London "Economist" recently set out to discover how different classes in the community had fared as a result of changes in wages, salaries, prices and taxes since 1938. They found that the average wage earner, particularly the family man who pays little or no income-tax, had kept ahead of the rise in prices. The average weekly wage of men over 21 in manufacturing industry almost exactly doubled between October 1938 (69s.) and April 1949 (139s. 11d.). Higher taxation meant he had gained only one shilling in the pound after adjustment for higher prices and higher taxation.

The "Economist" calculated that the purchasing power of the average

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Thought For The Day

The constant interchange of those thousand little courtesies which imperceptibly sweeten life, has a happy effect upon the features, and spreads a mellow evening charm over the wrinkles of old age.

—WASHINGTON IRVING.

CASES OF ARSON IN HOWRAH DISTRICT

Calcutta Remains Quiet

CALCUTTA, April 4 (PTI).

CALCUTTA and Howrah town remained quiet today, no incident being reported from any of these areas. There were, however, a few cases of arson in two villages within Amta and Bagnan police stations of Howrah district, according to a West Bengal Government press note issued tonight.

In Rajarhat police station of 24-Parganas District, some houses were set on fire and two persons injured, one of whom later died. Stray cases of arson have also been reported from a village in Hooghly District.

The situation is under control at all these places and police reinforcements have been sent.

Two Muslims were taken into custody in Sibpore area last night by the Howrah Police on a charge of carrying unlicenced arms.

It is stated that a police patrol party, while proceeding towards Andul Road, heard some shots. Soon they found a small crowd and chased them. Two persons were however, arrested on the spot—one with a gun and a few rounds of cartridges, and the other with two swords.

VISIT TO REFUGEES

The West Bengal Governor Dr. K.N. Katju visited this evening the Chandmari Refugee Camp at Kanchrapara, about 28 miles from here, where nearly 20,000 refugees from East Bengal have been sheltered till now. He was accompanied by Mrs. Rameshwari Nehru, Honorary Adviser to the Ministry of Rehabilitation, Government of India, Dr. Mrs. P. Guha, Secretary of the United Council of Relief and Mrs. Santi Humayun Kabir.

Dr. Katju spent about two hours there making enquiries about the arrangements made for the reception and accommodation of refugees in the camp.

KHULNA ATTACKS

CALCUTTA, April 4 (U.P.I.): Disturbances took place in several villages in Khulna district in Eastern Pakistan on March 28, 29 and 30, according to reports available here. Houses belonging to the minority community were attacked on March 28 at village Gadia, about five miles from Khulna town. The trouble spread to three other neighbouring villages. Large-scale looting and arson have been reported from the area.

On March 29 and 30 disturbances took place in six villages under the Daulatpur police station. The officer-in-charge of the police station was fired upon by the miscreants, according to the reports available, while he attempted to give protection to the affected villagers. The military was sent to the villages. Nearly 150 Muslims have been arrested in connection with the disturbances.

LUCKNOW ARRESTS

LUCKNOW, April 4 (UPI): The total number of persons arrested in the city for violating the curfew order has reached 125 by 9 p.m. today. The actual number of goondas and bad characters rounded up so far is not known but excluding those arrested yesterday their number might be more than two dozens.

Although the areas which are not affected continue to be peaceful and life in the rest of the city is normal, curfew has been enforced in Aminabad, Nazirabad, Qassai Bara, Durivjaiganj, refugee quarters in Butler Palace and in Chowk. No fresh incidents have been reported since this afternoon.

Congress and Communist peace squads are going round the areas where tension prevails and in some mohallas peace committees have already been formed.

The authorities feel confident that the situation is well under their hands.

Two cases of arson and one of stray assault were reported from Lucknow last night.

Another person, who received stab wounds yesterday, died in hospital, bringing the number of deaths in such incidents to two.

There was, however, noticeable improvement in the situation today. Intensive police patrolling in the city continues.

IN ALMORA

ALMORA, April 4 (PTI): There have been some casualties and damage to property as a result of disturbances in Saniodior and Kanada villages, about 35 miles from Almora, according to reports received here.

Armed police and a magistrate have been rushed to the area. The situation is now stated to be under control.

The District Magistrate of Almora told the PTI today that security measures all over the district had been strengthened.

Carrying of arms, and meetings without previous permission of the authorities have been banned, by an order under Section 144 Cr.P.C., within the municipal limits of Almora, Ranidhara and Naraintewari Deval.

SEC. 144 IN MADURA

MADURA, April 3 (PTI): The City Magistrate, Madura has banned under Section 144 Cr. P.C. for a fortnight from today public meetings and processions and carrying of weapons within Madura municipal limits.

It is stated the ban has been imposed as a precaution against the "labour unrest" prevailing at the moment in Madura.

Bicameral System For Nigeria

ENUGU (Nigeria), April 3 (PTI-Reuter): A two-house system of legislature for the British West African Colony of Nigeria is one of a Select Committee's recommendations approved by the Central Legislative Council for Nigeria's new constitution.

The Committee recommended that the composition of a house of representatives should be based on population while the upper house should equally represent the Colony's three main regions.

Cry For Sikhistan

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munal agitation is bound to make a bad situation still worse.

Owing to the partition of the country the Sikhs have lost very heavily. The condition of some of them is indeed very pitiable. The Akali Dal can bring peace and happiness by organising help and succour to the ruined and desolated Sikh and Hindu families. Widows and orphans cry for help on all sides. They want food, they want clothes, they want shelter. Why should not these Akalis come forward to relieve the people of their misery. Instead they are creating ill-will between the Sikhs and the Hindus and between the Governmnt and the Sikhs. That way lies the road to ruin and trouble. By appealing to the lower passions of the Sikhs these leaders may acquire some cheap popularity for the time being. But what about the fate of the masses that shall be lured into the clutches of a senseless agitation? Do they want these hungry and naked persons to starve and die for the sake of a reactionary political slogan?

When the house is on fire no sane person would quarrel about its division on disputable lines. I wish these people may have pity in their heart for the displaced Hindus and Sikhs who have lost their all in Pakistan. One who loves his country, it is his duty to help in stopping the mischief that is wrought by the agitation engineered by those who want to divide the province on communal lines and are creating ill-will amongst the two sister communities.

AN APPEAL

Even if any person thinks that the division of the province would do good to the Sikhs, should not the sufferings of so many millions touch his heart and appeal to him to at least postpone to better days the senseless agitation that is bound to stand in the way of public and Government efforts to relieve the misery of those whom fate has confronted with an unprecedented tragedy? Let us try to think clearly what is going to be the result of our agitation in the disturbed and disorganised conditions prevailing in the Punjab at present, and when so many people are in urgent need of food, clothes and shelter.

The Akali leaders wield considerable influence amongst a certain section of the Sikhs. May I request them to use that influence constructively for the betterment of the people of the Punjab and help the Motherland to make her strong and invincible. If India is strong and united all Indian communities are bound to become happy and prosperous. That is what has happened in England, Russia and America. There is no reason why it should not be the same in India.

Stop Press

NO HELP FROM INDIA

LONDON, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): Britain could not look to India and Pakistan for help in case of threatened trouble while the "unfortunate dispute over Kashmir" continued, Lord Strabolgi, a Labour Peer, told the House of Lords tonight.

He stressed, however, that if Britain were in actual trouble she could do so. He was speaking during a debate on defence.

JORDON'S DECISION OVER PALESTINE

League Council To Raise Issue

CAIRO, April 4. (PTI-Reuter): Ahmed Hilmy Pasha, Premier of the Egyptian sponsored "All Palestine" Government, gave notice today that he will raise at the next meeting of the Arab League Council King Abdullah's reported plan to annex Arab Palestine.

Arab circles here believe that cession of the Jordan-held Arab area of Palestine will be announced in a speech from the throne at the opening of the new Legislative Assembly of Jordan after general elections in "East and West" Jordan due on April 11.

The "All Palestine Government" also known as the "Gaza Government" but with its seat in Cairo, has been recognised by all Arab governments except Jordan.

One of its leading members is Haji Amin Husseini, former Mufti of Jerusalem and strong opponent of King Abdullah.

Ahmed Hilmy Pasha made this announcement today to the Arab League Secretariat and at the same time called on the heads of delegations attending the present League session here to enlist their support against King Abdullah's alleged plans.

A crisis in Arab unity threatened last week when Jordan decided to boycott discussions on Palestine and received an "ultimatum" from the League Secretariat to end the boycott.

After obtaining new instructions in Amman, the Jordan representative joined with the other six Arab states in giving unanimous approval to a resolution to expel any member negotiating separate agreements with Israel. There had previously been rumours that Jordan was negotiating a separate peace with Tel Aviv.

Money The Root Of Ulcers

LOS ANGELES: Today's ulcers may be the outgrowth of yesterday's bargain hunting.

Dr. Sydney A. Portis of the University of Illinois and Machael Rose Hospital, Chicago, told the country medical society.

Likely candidates for ulcerative colitis are women who spend 15 dollars (£5 sterling) for hairdos but waste hours of mental turmoil trying to save a few cents at bargain sales".

He said the same thing happened to men, quoting one patient:

"My stomach always hurts when I spend money".

Soviet Planes For Red China

Large Number Arrives At Houchow

TAIPEH (Formosa), April 3 (PTI-reedter): A Chinese Nationalist Air Force communique today claimed four or five Soviet planes shot down one Nationalist fighter and seriously hit a second in a dog fight near Shanghai yesterday. The communique stated that a large number of Russian planes had recently arrived at Houchow, 160 miles north of Nanking.

It claimed that Soviet technicians are operating radar stations and antiaircraft defences in the Shanghai and Hanchow vicinity.

CHOU'S CHARGE AGAINST BRITISH

HONG KONG, April 3 (PTI-Reuter): British authorities here will be held responsible for damage by time bombs yesterday to seven of the several airliners grounded on Hong Kong's Kaitak airfield, Peoples' Government Foreign Minister Chou-Lai declared tonight in a Peking broadcast.

Chou charged that British police failed adequately to protect the craft against sabotage since they were grounded six months ago when two Chinese airlines went over to the Communists. He said the planes must now be entrusted to Peking Civil Aviation Bureau representatives who arrived in Hong Kong in January.

The Foreign Minister accused the British of having impeded return of the planes to their homeland.

Ploughshares Into Planes

WASHINGTON, April 4 (PTI-Reuter)—Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee, urged Congress today to vote 583,389,211 dollars for more war planes against the threat of an "atomic blitz".

He said the administration's 13,911 million dollars military programme will "wither American air power on the vine."

"It is universally known today that Russia is building the largest air force in the world", he added. "What are they building it for? They are building it for use whenever their carefully timed Pearl Harbour day comes around?"

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Dr. Stikker Elected New Chairman

PARIS, April 4, (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Dirk Stikker, Dutch Foreign Minister was today elected Chairman of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

The appointment by Ministers of the 18 Marshall Plan nations made on the halfway anniversary of the four-year plan to reconstruct Western Europe, becomes effective on April 16 when Dr. Stikker succeeds Belgian Foreign Minister Paul Van Zeeland.

Earlier, the Ministers agreed to disband their European Consultative Group in favour of more frequent top level talks. They decided that the Governing Council should meet every two months and the seven-nation Executive Committee should have more meetings at ministeral level.

EUROPEAN INVESTMENTS

At today's session Mr. Harriman, America's Marshall Aid Ambassador told the Council: "This is the most effective international organisation ever brought together

Trade relations between Eastern and Western Europe, he said, were changing and "we should watch carefully developments such as Point Four (President Truman's plan to aid undeveloped areas) which would lead to new sources of supply".

There should not only be an extension of United States investments in the overseas territories but European investments should also be made on a longterm basis, Mr. Harriman stressed.

LOWER TARIFFS FOR CLOSING DOLLAR GAP

U.S. Plan To Help Marshall Aid Areas

WASHINGTON, April 3 (PTI-Reuter): The State Department will publish this week plans to reduce American tariffs against imports from Britain and other Marshall Plan countries, including Western Germany.

This was learned authoritatively here today.

Plans to renew tariff negotiations and other means of aiding countries to sell their goods in the American market are expected to be the spearhead of the drive launched by President Truman yesterday to put these countries in a position to solve their dollar gap problem by 1952, when Marshall Aid comes to an end.

Men's Legs Also Have Sex Appeal

FRANKFURT—A three-column advertisement in the Frankfurt Abendpost proves that a man's legs are also attractive to the opposite sex

A "35-year-old, very wealthy foreign lady" urgently asked a "Frankfurt boy, with exceptionally beautiful legs" who had attended a carnival ball in "grey leather shorts" to "give a sign of life" by a letter.

This, the advertisement said, should be sent to a code address in Brussels before March 30, to Paris up to April 17, or to Cannes after May 1. If the "boy" could not catch up with the "lady" at any of these addresses, he should simply leave his address with the Abendpost.

The newspaper's editor said the advertisement arrived in an anonymous letter, dated from Brussels, but contained two 100 mark notes (about £9 stg)—about five times the fee for the advertisement.

EXPULSION OF BERNAL FROM SCIENTISTS' COUNCIL DEPLORED

LONDON April 4 (UPI): The cas of Prof. J. D. Bernal, barred from the Council of the British Association last November, is to come before the Council for consideration again at its next meeting on May 25. This is because 244 of Britain's leading scientists have sent a statement to the British Association deploring its action in expelling Professor Bernal from the Council.

"We, the undersigned", says the statement,' deplore the action of the Council of the British Association in depriving itself of the services of Professor Bernal for expressions of his political attitude—erpressions with which many of the signatories disagree.

"The aim of the British Association is the advancement of science To the furtherance of that aim Professor Bernal has made signal contributions."

The following scientists were among the 244 who signed the statement; Prof. P. A. M. Dirace, F.R.S., Prof F G Gregory, F. R. S., Prof. H. Levy, F R S. E, Prof S Tolansky. Prof J H S Whitehead, F R. S., Prof. P. G L LEspinasse, Prof Max Gluckman, Prof C F. Powell, F. R. S., and Prof. L. Hawkes

The decision to bar Prof Bernal from re-election to the Council of the British Association was taken ostensibly because of a speech he made to the Soviet Peace Congress in Moscow in August last year.

"The essential contention of my speecn" said Prof. Bernal when he returned to London, "was that the political and financial direction of science in America and Britain was one toward war.

"It was implied, however, in my speech that my remarks did not refer to the work of British scientists but to those who paid them."

U. S. Senators Advocate 'Get Tough' Policy With Britain

WASHINGTON, April 4, (UPI): A strong group in the United States Congress is advocating a "get tough" policy toward Britain if she persists in plans to release 71 transport planes to the Chinese Communists, according to a report in a London newspaper.

The aircraft belonged to two Chinese airlines operated by the Nationalists A Hong Kong court ruling last month gave the Communist authorities control of the planes.

Some of the members of Congress who feel strongly about the matter will have an opportunity to influence the disposition of funds for the military aid programme. They go so far as to suggest that the flow of superfortress bombers to Britain should be stopped unless the decision is recovered.

One Republican Senator said:: "why give superfortresses to Britain to strengthen the anti-Communist forces in Europe when the same country is preparing to increase the striking force of Communists in the Far East?

"We do not think the State Department has been aggressive enough in trying to keep these American-built aircraft out of Communist hands."

The matter was considered at a confidential session of the Senate Appropriations Sub-committee, which is considering armed services funds.

Meanwhile the State Department is being subjected to a figreat deal of pressure on the issue from Congress groups

MacARTHUR HAS NO PLAN TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

TOKYO, April 3 (PTI-Reuter): General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, has "no immediate plans" to visit Australia or to return to the United States, his spokesman said here today.

He was commenting on Melbourne reports that Lieutenant General H. C. Robertson, British Commonwealth Commander in Japan, has told the press that MacArthur would make such a visit "soon"

General MacArthur had always said he would like to visit Australia when and if he returned to the United States, the spokesman added.

But this was unlikely to be until after a peace treaty had been concluded with Japan.

MYSTERIOUS FIRES IN NORWAY VILLAGE

People Nervous

OSLO—A number of mysterious fires in the tiny mountain village of Araksbo in Southern Norway have turned the 300 usually open, trusting villagers into nervous, suspicious watchers. They now look suspiciously at their neighbours, scarcely talk to each other, lock their doors at night and keep constant guard over their barns.

An arson maniac is believed to be responsible for mysterious fire which have taken place in the village during the past six years.

The worst sufferer is Torgeir Haugen whose farmhouse has been burned down four times

In each case the fire occurred on a Sunday. Three other mysterious fires have also occurred and the police have been unable to find out who is responsible.

Haugen's latest house was not quite completed when it was completely destroyed by fire recently. He was not keeping guard at the time as he believed the maniac would until the roof had been put on.

The fires have broken out so suddenly and burned so quickly that the police are convinced that petrol or some highly inflammable material has been used. The complete destruction of the houses in each case has made the police investigations extremely difficult. During the recent fire snow also fell, covering up all possible traces of evidence.

Haugen now dare not start building again and the villagers are remaining behind locked doors until the police have caught the culprit. The villagers suspicion of each other has also made police enquiries difficult. None of them dare give evidence in case the maniac should pounce on them in revenge.

1,000 Arrested For Violation Of Control Orders

CALCUTTA, April 4. (UPI): Shri R. K. Mitter, a senior official of the Anti-Corruption Department of the Government of West Bengal, said here today that over a thousand persons in Calcutta and a similar number in the rest of West Bengal were arrested in the month of November, 1949, for violation of the control orders. In the same month 313 cases were started in Calcutta and over 1,000 in the districts, he added.

Shri Mitter, who was addressing the Calcutta rotarians on "anti-corruption measures, said that these cases related to hoarding of essential foodstuffs, profiteering in textiles and drugs, breaches of the cement, iron and steel, kerosene soft coke and vegetable oil control orders, besides two cases of attempts for smuggling across the border.

AMRITSAR April 3, (PTI): The Executive Committee of Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee at its meeting presided over by Jathedar Chanan Singh Orara adopted a resolution expressing its resentment against discriminatory treatment meted out to Sikh pilgrims to Panja Sahib Gurdwara by West Punjab Government.

Giant Tester

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI).

A 250,000-volt industrial X-Ray plant capable of examining steels up to 3 inches in thickness and lighter metals and alloys of any of the thickness normally used in industry has been installed at the Government Test House, Alipore, Calcutta.

The plant will be available for utilisation by Government departments, public bodies, and manufacturers concerned.

CONSIDERATION OF WORLD PROBLEMS

Security Council Should Hold Special Sessions

LAKE SUCCESS, April 3, (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Mahomoud Fawzi Bey, Egypt, this month's President of the Security Council, today supported a proposal that special meeting of the Security Council should occasionally consider outstanding international problems.

The suggestion made by Mr. Trigve Lie, United Nations Secretary General, had met with approval from three former presidents of the General Assembly including Dr. Herbert Evatt and Dr Oswaldo Aranha.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON JULY

NEW YORK, April 4.

Previous Closing	32.29
Today's Opening	32.32
Difference	+3
Today's Closing	32.52
Difference	+23

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, April 4.

Stock Exchange opening prices:—

Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 28-5/8.

General Motors dol. 78-7/8.

United States Steel Common dol. 32.

Ditto Preference dol. 142-1/8.—(PTI-Reuter).

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, April 4.

Market observed normal trading.

Fluctuations: Calico opened 258, highest 258-8, lowest 257-8.

Arvind opened 734, highest 735, lowest 728.

Ambica opened 320, highest 321, lowest 318.

Differed opened 1600 highest 1602 lowest 1588.

Closing quotations: Calico 258-4, Arvind 728, Ambica 320, Differed 1596, Ahmedabad Cotton 335, Commercial 617-8, Aryodaya Ginning 401-4, New Jahangir 705, New National 355, Rohit 111-4, Sayaji 118-12.

Shares in delivery: Calico 362, Arvind 6b, Ambica 235, Jupitor 3, Saraspur 26, Narsdon 11 Monogram 4 Deffered 138

Yugoslavia Becomes UNESCO Member

PARIS, April 3 (PTI-Reuter): Yugoslavia has become the 55th member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, UNESCO headquarters announced here tonight. UNESCO's Executive Board, which meets in Florence in May this year, will consider the applications of Indonesia, Korea and Jordan.

NATIONAL WEEK

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much as earnest and devoted work during a time of crisis carried on in a spirit not merely of selflessness, but in the nobler and higher spirit of self-immolation.

"We must own when all is said and done that during a thousand years of subservience and slavery, the age-long national virtues of manliness, catholicity and rectitude have given way to objectness, ill-will and flattery —qualities which have always constituted short-cuts to property under alien rule.

TEAM WORK

"If our nation should prosper our character must be regenerated after the recovery of independence Truthfulness and non-violence, of course, are the very pinnacle of the heights to which we must all strive to rise, but we must scale those altitudes along the steps of reverence for seniors, courtesy to equals and affection for juniors.

Working as a team in a spirit of co-operative endeavour and banishing all intrigue, meanness and spirit of revenge, universal sympathy and sense of fellowship are the key to happiness.

"Let us recognize that the law which maintains order is but brute force in the ultimate analysis, that public opinion is the real power behind all law while individual conscience is the root that sucks in the sap of morality and sustained the tree of life through its many branches and leaves.

"Let us therefore celebrate our first year of independence as a fitting and sacred occasion to broadcast the seeds on the freshly aerated and newly tilled soil of our independent life of purity in personal life, integrity in mutual relations and probity in national character.

People IN THE NEWS

MR. R. R. DIWAKAR

BOMBAY, Tuesday (PTI): Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, is expected to arrive in Bombay on Thursday, April 6 on a four day visit. During his stay here Mr. Diwakar will attend a benefit performance in aid of the Karnatak Education Board's Arts and Science College, Dharwar, to be held in the city on April 6.

DEATH SENTENCE ON WANTED MAN

PARIS, (IPS). Piorrol Loutool, Franco's Wanted Man No. 1 and known as Crazy Peto has been sentenced to death for the second time in a month. He was sentenced in his absence for complicity in a hold up in 1946. A month ago he was sentenced to death in Paris, also in his absence. Police believe that he is dead in 1947 but his body has never been found. Rumours persist that he is still alive.

STATISTICS TELL A STORY

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wage earners probably increased by 20 per cent. between 1938 and 1948 while the purchasing power of all salary earners as a group fell by 13 per cent. This shows the extent of the re-distribution of income to the lower-paid groups at the expense of the higher-paid groups, and also to some extent a change favouring manual workers.

Statistics collected by the Government do not cover much more than the economic and social framework within which people live their lives. They tell us that 11,924,000 people had radio licences at the beginning of this year (and another 285,500 had television licences) but they cannot show what programmes people like best. We know from these statistics that there are 3,790,000 licences to keep dogs, but now how many cats are kept as pets because cats are not licensed.

"SOCIAL SURVEY" TECHNIQUE

These gaps are now being filled by the technique of the opinion poll and the questioning of small sample cross-sections of the public. It is thanks to the mass of Government-controlled statistics that an accurate cross-section of a few thousand can be selected containing the right proportions of age groups, income groups, occupations, town dwellers and country dwellers, and so on

The Government itself has adopted this technique and it uses an organisation known as the "Social Survey" to find out the kind of information which is not provided by statistical returns. For instance, the Social Survey is used by the Government to investigate what is likely to happen if a commodity is taken off the ration.

With the aid of official statsics and the sampling technique, a book called "Patterns of British Life" by Geoffrey Browne has been published by the Hulton Press, London (price 25s.). It gives many of the facts missing from the official statistics. Out of an adult population of 37,000,000 aged 16 and over, 21,000,000 are smokers and of these two out of three are men. Three out of 10 men drink beer regularly, but only one in every 10 women can be called a beer drinker. One out of three women do not use make-up. Domestic pets in Britain include 5,260,000 cats and 910,000 cage birds.

So the statisticians and the samplers of public opinion can now provide the novelist with an accurate picture of the average British citizen.

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For failure to declare sugar stocks, MAVJI SHIVJI was convicted and sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 5,000 or in default to undergo six months' rigorous imprisonment.

For obtaining a ration card illegally, SITALDIN SAKHARAM was sentenced to two weeks' rigorous imprisonment.

For selling cloth without a licence, ISMAILJI VALIJI and ALIBHAI MOHOMED were convicted and the former was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 2,000 or in default to undergo eight months' rigorous imprisonment and the latter was fined Rs. 200

CALCUTTA NEWSLETTER

REFUGEE REHABILITATION A HUGE PROBLEM

Government Tackling It With All Vigour

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

CALCUTTA. (By Air)

LORD INCHCAPE, the Chairman of shipping companies like Mackinon Makenzie and Macneil Barry, has been on a visit to Calcutta. His father, the late Lord Inchcape, who had a great deal to do with the establishment of these shipping companies used to visit at intervals of 10 or 15 years: but this young Lord has been paying frequent visits to India.

Mr. Erie Elliot, a Shakespearean actor, visited Calcutta this week as an adviser of the British Council in regard to a theatrical tour in India and addressed two meetings, one on Shakespeare. He has not been unknown to India because he had been here before and during the war he served in India in the air force. He has had 30 years' experience on the stage and in 1930 he took the well-known actor, Mr. Sisir Kumar Bhadury, and his Bengali players to New York.

The refugee problem continues to draw the attention of the public. Streams of Hindu refugees continue and Mohammedans also are going out of the province. The Joint Steamer Companies have deputed one of their senior officers to Eastern Bengal to see that the steamers with refugee passengers can travel all right. He will visit Narayanganj, Chandpore, Barisal and Khulna and will be away in Eastern Bengal for two weeks.

DIFFICULT PROBLEM

The relief and rehabilitation of refugees has become a very difficult problem and sober opinion is concerned about it. Provision has to be made not only for the accommodation of the refugees but also for their food and rehabilitation. A delegation of the West Bengal Congress Committee has gone to New Delhi to draw the attention of the Government to the Bengal problem. It is felt at the same time that such conditions should be created as would enable the refugees to go back to their homeland with peace and honour.

In this connection it would be interesting to point out that a group of men headed by Mr. Ananto K. Singha of the Chittagong Armoury raid fame are trying to form a united Bengal front.

They have issued an appeal deploring the partition of Bengal and pointing out that the present position has been inspired by the Churchill-Attlee gang of English politicians.

SORROW AND INDIGNATION

A feeling of real sorrow and indignation has been expressed here over the unfortunate death of Mr. Cameron of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cameron, the seniormost partner of Messrs. Andre Yule and Company, was elected President of the Bengal Chamber recently after the retirement of Mr. Elkins and had begun useful work when this tragedy happened.

There has been no definite settlement in regard to inter-Dominion trade about jute. Certain proposals were broached by the members of the East Bengal who were in Calcutta. But these proposals are being considered by the Government of India. It is felt in well-informed circles that nothing satisfactory can happen till the question of the rupee ratio is settled satisfactorily between the two countries.

OUTSIDE CALCUTTA

While the Calcutta University is seriously trying to accommodate students from East Bengal at least in regard to examinations, the Government of West Bengal has decided to follow a policy of encouraging the establishment of educational institutions outside Calcutta for the benefit of refugee students. This scheme is likely to be yield good results so far as education is concerned. Calcutta being a stronghold of different political schools of thought is certainly not a very suitable centre for education. The Government of West Bengal is making suitable grants to educational institutions to be started in the mofussil areas. This will remove the congestion in Calcutta colleges and certainly advance the cause of education in West Bengal.

The Students Congress in Calcutta have taken up a stiff attitude towards the University. They have passed resolutions demanding the removal of university officials in any way implicated in the bungle at the University.

The Journalists' Association in Calcutta has been in communication with the University authorities in regard to the question of a courage of journalism at the University. It appears that a scheme has been considered and sanctioned, but as yet no sign is available of making a start.

SMALL-POX TOLL IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, April 4 (PTI): Small-pox claimed 1,700 lives in Calcutta till April 1, since the disease broke out in an epidemic form on January 7 last. The incidence during this period totalled 3,230 As against this, there were 280 attacks and 184 deaths from the disease during last year's epidemic period which continued between March 12 and April 23.

Cholera took a toll of 685 lives since the disease was declared epidemic in Calcutta on January 28 Last year's epidemic continued between January 15 and May 28, registering 3,719 attacks and 1,109 deaths.

Water Supply In City

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Hydraulic Engineer Bombay Municipality, informs that the water supply to the City will be curtailed slightly on Thursday, on account of the work of repairs to the 48" Old Tansa Main at Kapurbavdy, Thana.

Evacuee Property In Pakistan

Minister Denies Press Reports

KARACHI, April 3 (PTI): The Minister for Interior, Khwaja Shahabuddin today said it was not correct to say that evacuee property left behind in Pakistan by migrating non-Muslims amounted to Rs. 4,000 crores

The Minister, who was replying to a question in Parliament said "India's Minister for Rehabilitation is himself reported to have admitted in the Indian Parliament on February 9, 1950, that the claims submitted by non-Muslim evacuees in India were not worth the paper on which they were written, and the Government of India consequently had to pass an ordinance to assure that the claims filed by non-Muslims would be accurate."

Asked if Government had contradicted the claims of the evacuees, Khwaja Shahabuddin said "such an absurd statement hardly warrants an official contradiction in the press."

JAP MACHINERY FOR REFUGEES

Diverted To W. Bengal

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI): Japanese cottage industrial machinery ordered for displaced persons from West Pakistan will now partly be diverted and installed at work centres for East Bengal displaced persons, it is learnt here today.

The Government of India have placed order worth nearly 10 lakhs of rupees for Japanese cottage industrial machinery. On arrival, some of this will be used for training East Bengal displaced persons.

In the meantime, as an experimental measure, the Government of India have asked the West Bengal Government to send a small batch of trainees for immediate training at the Arab-Ki-Sarai, work and training centre at New Delhi where displaced persons are operating Japanese machines under the guidance of Japanese technicians.

The Government of India have, however, stipulated that the trainees should be at least matriculates and willing to work.

HELPING DISPLACED INDUSTRIALISTS

East Punjab Loans

JULLUNDUR, April 4 (PTI): One thousand plots for factories have so far been sold in the industrial areas at Panipat, Sonepat, Bhadurgarh, Jagadhari, Jullundur and Ludhiana by the Punjab Government, it is officially learnt.

The Rehabilitation Finance Administration have agreed to earmark a sum of Rs. 1 crore for granting loans to the displaced industrialists who have purchased plots in these areas. These industrialists have been asked to apply for loans on the prescribed form to the Director of Industries.

POOL OF RETRENCHED WORKERS

Proposal Before Employment Body

NEW DELHI, April 4. (UPI): The setting up of a pool of retrenched workers for each industry to facilitate the absorption of skilled workers and the starting of co-operative workshops will be considered by the Central Employment Advisory Committee which meets on April 10 in New Delhi. The agenda includes a review of the work of the Employment Exchanges and consideration of matters relating to employment and training schemes of the Government of India.

It is learnt that the proposals submitted by some members also include inter alia the placing of the Employment Exchange organisation on a permanent footing and establishment of Employment Exchanges in all districts of the States in this country

The committee which was reconstituted in December last consists of 42 members and includes representatives of Central and State governments, members of Parliament, employers and workers.

DR. MOHAN DAS DEAD

CALCUTTA, April 4 (UPI) Dr. Sundari Mohan Das, grand old man of Bengal, passed away in Gorachand Hospital, Calcutta, early this morning at 7-30. He was 94 at the time of his death. Dr. Das was suffering from concussion of the brain.

Hailing from Sylhet, Dr. Sundari Mohan Das was a romantic figure in the struggle for the country's freedom He was a friend philosopher and guide to the late Shri Bepin Chandra Pal and was closely associated with Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das. Shri. Aurobindo and other stalwarts of the Swadeshi days.

Madras Council Adjourns

POINT OF ORDER ON BILL

MADRAS, April 4. (PTI): The Madras Legislative Council (Upper House) today adjourned sine die after passing the bill for controlling the price and sale of jute grown in the State and several other minor bills sent up by the Assembly.

A piquant situation arose during the consideration of the bill for amending the Municipalities and Local Boards Act which seeks to impose a duty on transfers of immovable property, by way of exchanges, not covered by the original act.

When the bill was introduced, following a point of order raised by Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Mr. R. B. Ramakrishna Raju, Chairman of the House, said the bill having been certified as a "Money Bill" by the Speaker, Government would have to move a recommendation commending to the Assembly the acceptance of the measure as was done in the case of Appropriations Bills.

Mr. K. Chandramouli, Local Administration Minister who sponsored the bill, pointed out no such motion was necessary. He said under the Constitution Act, if a "Money Bill" was not passed by the Council within 14 days of its passage by the Assembly, the bill would be deemed to have been passed by both the Houses.

CONSIDERED PASSED

In the circumstances, the Minister declined to move the recommendatory motion and there was no third reading of the bill. As the Assembly had already adjourned indefinitely, the bill will be considered as passed after 14 days.

Mr. H. Sitarama Reddi, Revenue Minister, then introduced the Madras Stamp (Amendment) Bill for enhancing the stamp duty on land transactions at 25 times the annual revenue instead of five times now. This was also considered a "Money Bill" but at the third reading stage, the Minister moved a recommendatory motion for passing the bill as approved by the Assembly.

The bill was passed and the Council adjourned sine die.

SPREAD GANDHIJI'S GOSPEL

Gwalior's Address

INDORE, April 4 (PTI)—The Maharaja Scindia, Rajpramukh of Madhyabharat, yesterday unveiled a statute of Mahatma Gandhi at Agar, 70 miles from here.

The statue was placed on a blooming lotus, on the top of 14-foot high marble pillar, the cost of the entire structure being about Rs. 10,000.

Speaking on the occasion, the Rajpramukh said that at a time when constant preaching of hate and violence was rampant, it was essential that the eternal message of peace, love and non-violence is taken to distant lands to soothe and comfort a war-torn world'. Memorials like this would prove very useful in that direction, he added. The Rajpramukh emphasised that "the most fitting memorial that our countrymen can erect for Gandhiji is to translate his ideals into practice".

The Rajpramukh, who is on a tour of Madhyabharat arrived here this morning.

COTTON ACREAGE TO BE INCREASED

Madhya Pradesh Decision

NAGPUR, April 4 (PTI): The Madhya Pradesh Government has decided to increase the area under cotton in the State by about three lakhs of acres in 1950-51, it was officially learnt here today.

The present cotton acreage in Madhya Pradesh is in the neighbourhood of 29 lakhs.

The State Government's plans to increase cotton production were discussed between Mr. D. K. Mehta, Minister for Agriculture andSardar Datar Singh, Vice-Chairman of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, who was here yesterday on his way to Bombay.

An official spokesman said today that Government has already procured 5,000 kandis of cotton—seed which would cover an area of 2.5 lakhs of acres. Government also proposed to distribute manure, such as ammonium sulphate, to the cultivators under the scheme.

States' Union Officials Confer

NEW DELHI, April 4. (PTI): Commissioners and advisers of the Unions of Saurashtra, Madhyabharat, Rajasthan and PEPSU met here today in the States Ministry to discuss their functions under the new Constitution.

Mr. V. P. Menon, Secretary, States Ministry presided. The discussions will continue tomorrow.

Ambernath Mills To Be Closed

(From Our Correspondent)

KALYAN, April 4.

It is understood that the Ambernath Woollen, Silk mills and Leather factory will be closed by the end of this month. Inquiries show that owing to the shortage of raw materials the mills will have to stop. If these mills are closed, over two thousands workers will be thrown on the streets.

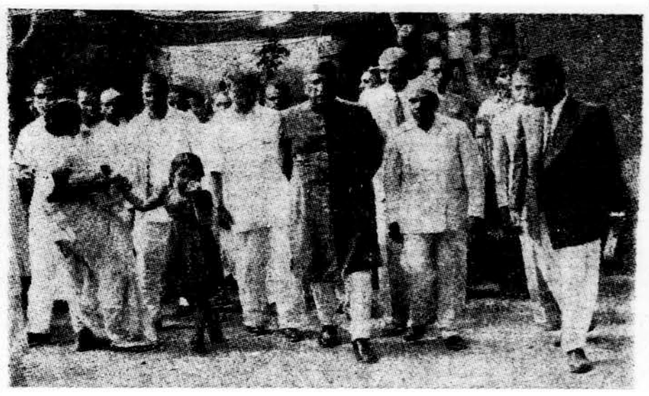
Mr. Chagla's Lecture

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, April 4.

Mr M C. Chagla, Chief Justice of Bombay will deliver the inaugural address of the 76th annual session of the local Spring Lectures series. 'The Law and Liberty' will be the topic.

Handicrafts Exhibition



H. E. Raja Maharaj Singh opened the exhibition of handicrafts and distributed certificates to successful students in handicrafts teacher's course at Elphinstone T. H. School Hall.

X-RAYING METALS AND ALLOYS

Test House At Alipore

NEW DELHI, April 4.

A 250,000 volt industrial X-ray plant capable of examining steels up to three inches in thickness and lighter metals and alloys up to any thickness normally used in industry has been installed at the Government Test House, Alipore, Calcutta.

In recent years X-ray examination of materials or industrial radiography has been extensively used as a rapid, non-destructive inspection technique for revealing the presence of internal flaws such as blow-holes, pipings, porosities, cracks, lack of penetration, etc., even if these defects are deeply hidden in the interior of castings, foreigns and welds. Radiography has now been unversally recognised not only as the most useful and quick method for the examination of materials, but also for its records or radiographs which prove invaluable for the improvement of foundry and welding shop technique.

The advantages and consequently the merits of radiographic examination are two-fold. The manufacturer finds in it an elegant means of studying and improving his technique for better production which augments his reputation and gives a fillip to his production drive by minimising the number of rejections of supplies. The consumer, on the other hand, is assured of the X-ray quality of materials which minimise the chances of accidents and of incidental breakdowns of machinery and enable him to effect economy in expenditure.

The mere fact that the stores are liable to radiographic inspection puts a check on the tendency of unscrupulous workers in doing their jobs haphazardly, thus promoting good workmanship as well. Radiographic inspection is also very helpful for the examination of concealed assemblies e.g. materials or contraband goods in packages or trunks, gross assembly of machinery or parts, without disturbing or opening them.

The plant at Alipore Test House is available for utilisation by Government departments, public bodies, and manufacturers concerned. Further information about tests, testing fees, etc., may be obtained on application from the Director, Government Test House, Alipore, Calcutta 27. Applicants should give full details of the materials intended to be tested.

DIESEL ENGINES FROM JAPAN

Import Licensing

NEW DELHI, April 4.

Representations regarding the import of diesel engnes from Japan have been received from the trade urging that the licensing of these articles, which is at present confined to the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports, Calcutta, should also be undertaken by the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports, Bombay, so that applicants may obtain licences quickly and arange to have their contracts fulfilled at the old exchange rate.

These representations have been considered by Government, but it has not been found possible to change the basis under which the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports, Calcutta, is the licensing authority for these goods now that licensing has begun. Instructions, however, have been issued to the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports, Calcutta, to accord applications for the import of goods from Japan—particularly for diesel engines—high priority.

Intending importers of diesel engines and parts from Japan should apply for licences to the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports, Calcutta, with bills of entry in support of their past imports from Japan. Applications for spare parts of diesel engines should be supported by bills of entry of import of spare parts or complete diesel engines from Japan.

Home Minister's Tour Of Surat District

SURAT, April 4 (PTI).—Shree Morarji Desai, Home Minister of Bombay, will tour Surat and Kaira Districts on April 14, 15 and 16.

He will address meetings at Dharampur, Chikli, Gamdevi, and Navsari. He is scheduled to meet Congress workers of Surat on April 15.

Shree Desai will reach Nadiad on April 16.

Prof. Ranga For Delhi

MADRAS, April 4 (PTI).—Prof. N G Ranga President of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee and member of the All-India Congress Working Committee left Madras this morning by air for Bombay en route to Delhi.

SOCIALIST LEADERS MEET IN LUCKNOW

Jayaprakash Reports On Bengal

LUCKNOW, April 4 (UPI): The National Executive of the Socialist Party of India today consoidered the points raised in the report of the Party's General Secretary, Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan on the implementation of the Rewa resolution of the Party in connection with communal situation in East Bengal. A formal resolution which is being drafted is likely to be adopted by the Executive at a later stage. Acharya Narendra Dev presided.

The Executive, in its session this morning, heard the report of its General Secretary on the steps taken by him to implement the Rewa resolution on the communal situation. Mr. Narayan also reported on his talks with the Prime Minister and placed before the Executive the correspondence that had passed between the two.

The United Press of India learns that in view of the Rewa resolution, Mr. Narayan had suggested to Pandit Nehru to convene a conference of all parties "which agree to maintain communal peace and harmony in the country."

Pandit Nehru, according to an official spokesman of the Party, had "appreciated the suggestion, but pointed out the difficulties that lay before him in accepting it."

ADMINISTRATION OF CHANDERNAGORE

Dissolution Of Council Demanded

CHANDERNAGORE, April 4, (UPI): Dissolution of the present Administrative Council as well as Municipal Assembly of Chandernagore, and setting up of an all party coalition to run the local administration till the general election, are demanded by the National Democratic Front, Chandernagore.

Sri Prakash Chandra Das, President, National Democratic Front, Chandernagore, in a statement expresses his satisfaction "that both the French Government and the Government of India Republic have arrived at the long-awaited amicable agreement, in the immediate appointment of an interim Indian Administrator at Chandernagore prior to the formal conclusion and adoption of the 'de facto' transfer treaty by the National Assembly of France".

"Although it is not yet clear about the future status of our city," Shri Das adds, 'still we think that, for some interim period, the administration of Chandernagore will be controlled by a dual Government. This is, it means that the Indian Union will take charge of the administrative side and the judicial side will still rest with the control of the French Government".

CONGRESS BODY'S SESSION

Purely Routine, Says Secretary

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI): The two-day session of the Congress Working Committee beginning here tomorrow was described as "a purely routine one", by the General Secretary of the Congress, Mr. Kala Venkata Rao.

The discussion for the venue of the next Congress session he said, would take up a good deal of the Committee's time. Among the probable venues were the provinces of Kerala, Orissa, Karnataka, Madras and Mysore.

He indicated that the next session of the Congress would be held towards the latter part of July. It would not have the usual pomp and show attached to such session.

It is considered likely that Prime Minister Nehru would report to the Committee is views on the situation in East Bengal which he visited twice recently.

Against Locusts

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI.)

The Agriculture Minister stated in Parliament at question time today that training for anti-locust measures would be given at Jodhpur and that the conference of administrative officers would meet again on April 15.

He made this remark answering supplementaries on the expected locust invasion from the west and the agreement between India, Pakistan and Iran to tackle it.

SUPREME COURT EXAMINES ARTICLE 21

Mr. Setalvad's Interpretation Not Accepted

NEW DELHI, April 4 (UPI).

WHEN the hearing of the petition of A. Gopalan versus the State of Madras challenging the validity of the Preventive Detention Act was resumed in the Supreme Court of India today, the Attorney-General, Mr. M. C. Setalvad argued on behlaf of the State.

He submitted that the phrase "Procedure established by law", occurring in Article 21 of the Constitution meant "the procedure laid down by enacted laws".

In the course of discussion which ensured on this point, Justice Sastri remarked more than once that if the Attorney-General's interpretation of Article 21 was accepted, then "the article will be reduced to perfect nonsense".

Justice Sastri said: "If 'law' is to mean an act of the State or of Central Legislature, then there is no point in putting it in the list of fundamental rights. In that case, it will merely mean telling Parliament that they could not do a thing unless they chose to do it."

Justice Mahajan: As I said the other day, it would be like giving a right with one hand and taking it away by the other.

PROTECTION

Mr. Setalvad submitted that an article might not be a check on the Legislature necessarily. It might be a protection against the executive only, and at the same time might be a fundamental right also.

Justice Sastri asked the Attorney-General to cite some instances in which a fundamental right was not a check on or protection against the Legislature.

Mr. Setalvad Article 18, my lord. (This article relates to abolition of titles).

In the opinion of the Attorney-General, the protection of "procedure established by law" given in Article 21 was a protection against the executive only.

Justice Mahajan: This article deals with two most important rights, namely, those of life and property. How can it be construed that the protection given in this article relates only to the executive and not to the Legislature?

FROM APRIL 1 TO 30

Chief Justice Read Article 13 (2) which lays down that Parliament would not be allowed to pass laws like, say for instance, that anybody can kill from April one to April thirty. Article 21 says that no person shall be deprived of his life or liberty except in accordance with procedure established by law, for instance, Criminal Procedure Code. Now, can Parliament enact a law saying that Cr. P. C. is replaced and some new procedude laid?

Justice Sastri: If Mr. Attorney-General's contention is accepted, then that will be the case.

Their Lordships Mahajan and Fazal Ali asked the Attorney-General that in case the Legislature laid down some odd or fantastic procedure and if in accordance with that procedure somebody was deprived of life or liberty, will it be all right?

Mr. Setalvad In such cases, your lordships can hold that "this procedure is no procedure".

Justice Sastri: I would very much like to apply this qualification to the more important word "law", rather than to the less important word "procedure".

SENDING OR MAKING?

The Attorney-General also referred to Article 22 (7) (C) which provides that the detenu would be given the earliest opportunity of making representation against the detention order. He said that the word "representation" must be interpreted in the light of the history of the word. According to the Attorney-General, if the detenu was allowed to submit a written petition, it amounted to the right of making representation.

Justice Mahajan: It will be sending representation and not making representation.

Justice Fazl Ali: Sending for cold storage, perhaps.

Justice Mahajan said that representation should be effective so as to enable the person whose liberty was taken away to prove his innocence.

When the court rose for the day, the Attorney-General had not concluded. He would continue his arguments tomorrow.

MINISTER ACQUITTED OF PAYMENT

NEW DELHI, April 4 (P.T.I.): Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Minister for Industry and Supply, was today acquitted of payment on a sum of Rs. 24/8/- due to the New Delhi Municipal Committee for the damage caused by his car to municipal property.

The decision to write off the amount was taken by the Committee at its meeting today on the report submitted by the police.

In December last, the car of the Supply Minister dashed against a pole at Willingdon Crescent causing damage to the extent of Rs. 24/8/-.

The police report revealed that the car dashed against the pole accidentally when the driver endeavoured to avoid a pedestrial who ran across the path of the car.

Mr. Prakasam

MADRAS, April 4 (PTI).—Mr. T. Prakasam, former Premier of Madras, has programmed a ten-day tour of Krishna and other Districts, subjected to frequent raids by dacoits to study the situation, first-hand. Mr. Prakasam leaves Madras tomorrow.

AMBASSADOR FROM ARGENTINE

Credentials Presented

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI): Dr. Oscar Tascheret, today presented his credentials as Ambassador for Argentina to the President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad at a brief ceremony at the Government House. The Foreign Secretary Mr. K. P. S. Menon, presented the Ambassador to the President.

The ceremony took place in the ball room this afternoon. The grand staircase leading to the ball room was lined by the President's bodyguard who were in their ceremonial uniform of scarlet and gold. As the Ambassador arrived at the Government House, he was received by the Military Secretary to the President, Col. B. Chatterjee, and other staff officers. He was conducted by the Military Secretary to the saluting base and the guard of honour furnished by the third guards posted on Government House duty presented arms and gave the general salute. The Ambassador then inspected the guard of honour, while the band played the slow march.

On the conclusion of the Guard of Honour ceremony, the Ambassador and his staff, and officials of the Ministry of External Affairs, were conducted to the ball room where Dr. Oscar Tascheret presented his credentials to the President.

Following the brief ceremony, Dr. Oscar Tascheret presented his Counsellor, Mons. Alberto Zalazar and his second-secretary Mons. Douglas De Olano. The foreign secretary presented the officers of the External Affairs Ministry, Mr. S. N. Haksar, Joint Secretary and Mr. B. K. Kapur, the Chief of Protocol.

The President and the Ambassador then retired to the President's study where they had a talk for a few minutes before joining the other guests at lunch.

Textile Crisis In U.P.

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, April 3

Owing to the failure in the supply of cotton from Madhya Bharat, the textile mills in Uttar Pradesh are facing a serious crisis. The Kanpur cotton mills sought permission to close down one shift. Several mills are understood to be thinking of closing their third shift.

It is proposed to import cotton from California, but there is difficulty for dollars.

There are already about 15,000 displaced workers in Kanpur for whom the Government will have to find employment. If the cotton mills also close down, the problem of unemployment in Kanpur will be grave. A new textile union has been formed in Kanpur and the Government has been asked to appoint a commission of enquiry to investigate into the financial condition of the textile industry in the country.

S. Indian Mills Management Seeks Delhi's Intervention

MADURA, April 3. (PTI). The management the Sri Meenakshi Mills in a telegram to the Government of India has requested them to institute an immediate enquiry on the situation in the mills. The management say that the mills remain closed since March 10th and that an attempt on their part to reopen the mills on 29th March was prohibited by an order under Section 144 Cr. P C. unless immediate enquiry is ordered three thousand workers and industry producing 90 lakhs pounds of yarn per year will suffer and incur heavy loss."

Sardar Grieved At Dr. Desai's Death

AHMEDABAD, April 4 (PTI): "It was my turn to go but he departed from the world" this was the reaction of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's Deputy Prime Minister on reading the news of the death of Dr Hariprasad Desai, M.L.A., in newspapers according to Srimati Maniben Patel, daughter of Sardar Patel. When Mr. Kanaiyalal Desai, President of the Gujarat Congress Committee drew his attention on return from the Parliament House to the news of Dr. Hariprasad's death Sardar Patel said "It was my turn to go but he departed from the world."

Tara Singh Refused Entry Into Jammu

—JAMMU, April 3. (PTI): The Jammu branch of the Siromani Akali Dal has sent telegrams to President Rajendra Prasad and Defence Minister Sardar Baldev Singh protesting against the alleged refusal of permit to Master Tara Singh to enable him to undertake a tour of the State.

Master Tara Singh was scheduled to reach Jammu by road this afternoon. Elaborate preparations had been made by his followers to receive him at the outskirts of Jammu.

LUCKNOW, April 4, (PTI): The Indo-Pakistan Friendship Association will have its branches in Uttar Pradesh with headquarters in Lucknow.

This decision was taken at a meeting of prominent public workers of the state held here under the presidentship of Acharya Jugal Kishore M.L.A. (U.P.)

In The Land Of Liberty

They Still Hold Negroes As Untouchable

SEGREGATION IN TRAINS HUMILIATING, SAYS U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, April 3 (P.T.I.-Reuter):- The United States Attorney-General, Mr. J. Howard McGrath, told the United States Supreme Court today that segregation tables in railway dining cars involved a humiliating and insidious discrimination against negroes.

"Few things can be more insidious, more humiliating than thus to be tagged as unfit to associate with others," he added.

Mr. McGrath made this remark at the opening of a case which observers said might have a profound effect on segregation policies practised in the Southern States.

The case arose from a complaint made by Elmer Henderson, a negro, against the practice of the Southern Railway Company in partitioning off one end of its dining cars.

The legal basis for segregation in the United States is a 44-year-old doctrine of "separate but equal" facilities for negroes.

This "separate but equal" doctrine has laid down that segregated schools, buses, restaurants, hotels and other public gathering places do not violate the constitution of the United States.

Mr. McGrath, however, told the Court today that the discrimination practiced in Mr. Henderson's complaint" is, and of itself, a form of inequality and discrimination condemned by the constitution and the Inter-state Commerce Act.

He added: "Facilities segregated on the basis of race or colour are not, and never can be, equal in any full sense of the word.

"The 'Jimcrow' (segregation) table is at the kitchen end of the car and is separated from the next table by a curtain or a five feet high partition extending from the side of the car to the aisle.

"The barrier in the dining car is important, not only as a physical barrier but as a symbol".

APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT

The U. S Congress of Industrial Organisations have filed a brief in the U. S Supreme Court in support of a Negro who wants to mix with white students in Oklahoma University reports B. U. P.

Oklahoma State regulations rule that although G. W. Mclaurin has been admitted to the University, he must sit in an isolated seat at classes and meals, says a U. P. I. message.

JAVA PARALYSED BY STRIKE

Threat To Economy

DJAKARTA, April 4 (PTI-Reuter).—Indonesian dock and plantation workers struck today and, with the week-old rail strike in East Sumatra, this constitutes a serious threat to the country's economy, according to an official spokesman.

Plantation workers came out today on the 'tobacco, rubber and palm oil estates in East Sumatra for higher wages, which the owners claim, would cost many a million pounds a year.

The strike may cost the country £100,000 a day in lost exports, and an additional £10,700,000 if it affects the harvest of the "Deli" cover leaf tobacco, due to start within a fortnight.

Officials said interruption of this harvest would be "practically a death blow to Indonesian economy."

RELIEF FOR ASIAN CHILDREN

U. N. O. Officer For Indonesia

SYDNEY, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Maurice Pate, Executive Officer of the UNO Children's Emergency Fund, left Sydney by air tonight for Indonesia where he will hold a conference at Government level to discuss relief and education for South-East Asian children.

He will also visit Burma, Pakistan and India but not China because of unsettled conditions there.

Mr. Pate has been in Australia to confer with the Government representatives on medical supplies.

Indonesia Envoy For Red China

DJAKARTA, April 4 (PTI-Reuter):—Communist China and Indonesia have agreed to establish diplomatic relations, Indonesian Prime Minister Mohamad Hatta announced here today.

Registering Japanese Patents In U. K.

TOKYO, April 4 (PTI): Britain is to allow the Japanese to resume registering patents, designs and trademarks in Britain, General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

A spokesman said the British Government had informed General MacArthur that orders promulgated recently under the Trading With The Enemy Act would permit the resumption of registration.

The spokesman described the resumption as "one more right given to the Japanese to hasten their return as accepted members of the family of nations".

Mr. Shankerrao Deo

NEW DELHI, April 4, (UPI): Shri Shankerrao Deo the General Secretary of Congress, will visit Calcutta next week and he is expected to stay there for about three days.

He is leaving for Angul (near Cuttack) on April 7 to attend the second annual session of the Sarvodaya Sammelan.

Three White Killers Sent To Jail

MURDER OF NEGRO CHILDREN

KOSCICUSKO, Mississippi, April 4 PTI-Reuter): A court here has sentenced the last of three white men charged with the murder of three Negro children—a crime which horrified the State.

The children, Ruby Nell Harris, (4), her step sister, Mary Burnside, (8) and her step-brother Frankie Thurman, (12), were shot dead at the home of Thomas Harris, a Negro tenant farmer, last January 8.

Three white men, Leon Turner, Windol Whitt and his brother, Malcolm Whitt, were arrested for the crime.

Malcolm Whitt pleaded guilty yesterday to the manslaughter of Ruby Nell Harris.

The court sentenced him to ten years' jail.

Turner and Windol Whitt had been sentenced earlier to life imprisonment on murder charges.

THE CRIME

The District Attorney said during the trial that Turner shot and killed the three children and wounded Harris, his wife and the other children with a pistol while Windol Whitt stood at the back door with a shotgun, barring the family's flight.

The District Attorney called the attack a "drunken orgy of revenge". He said the three white men believed that Harris had caused their earlier arrest after they had broken into his home and tried to rape Mrs. Harris.

The State Legislature adopted a resolution saying that Mississippi was "shocked and shamed", at the crime.

White people raised a relief fund for surviving members of the Negro family.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN CAMBODIA

Nationalists Want Independence

SAIGON, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): The newly independent kingdom of Cambodia in south-western Indo-China is facing a political and military crisis closely linked with Viet Minh insurgent activity in neighbouring Viet Nam according to reports received here today.

Intense unrest has broken out in the south-western parts of Cambodia where leaders of the Nationalist Kmers Issaraks recently held a secret conference and decided to fight for Cambodia's full independence from France.

Viet Minh insurgent radio has claimed that Nationalist assistance forces in Cambodia, Laos and Viet Nam have decided to organise a joint military offensive against French and pro-French forces in all three States.

France gave Cambodia independence within the French Union over three months ago, but there is still disagreement on the interpretation of the treaty of independence, and the transfer of power has not yet been completed.

French authorities here said today that only one aspect of the treaty—the administration of justice remained to be settled.

ATTACK ON TRAIN IN MALAYA

Four Men Killed

SINGAPORE, April 4 (PTI-Reuter)—Terrorists armed with Bren guns and automatic weapons attacked the Singapore-Kuala Lumpur mail train between Kulai and Bedenak, in Johore State, last night.

Three civilians and a British soldier were wounded.

Other terrorist attacks in the past 24 hours were on: (1) a plantation at Rengam, about 35 miles north of Johore Bahru, where they seized identity cards from labourers.

(2) A police station in Semenyih, 20 miles south of Kuala Lumpur, and (3) a shop in the same town where they killed two Chinese and wounded two more.

In the Tampin are of Negri Sembilan a police jungle squad killed two terrorists.

BELGIAN CABINET NOT FORMED YET

Liberal Leader Gives Up

BRUSSELS, April 4 (PTI-Reuter):—Belgian Liberal leader, M. Albert Deveze, today gave up his week long attempt to form a cabinet to solve the crisis over the future of King Leopold.

Third Belgian political leader to try to form a Government, he was relieved of the task at his own request in an interview with Prince Regent Charles soon after flying in from overnight Swiss talks with the exiled king.

Small-Pox In Glasgow Port

GLASGOW, April 3 (PTI-Reuter):—The medical authorities here today declared that the port of Glasgow was now considered small pox-infected and warned shipowners and agents to examine vaccination certificates of crews visiting the Clyde.

ADMIRAL LAYTON TELLS GIRLS:

SLAP THE BOYS, AND MAKE THEM HEROES

LONDON, April 4, (UPI): Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, former C-in-C, Portsmouth, has advised girls to box their boy friends' ears if they are effeminate.

The Admiral was speaking at a meeting of Winchester Red Triangle Boy's Clubs. And he singled out mixed youth clubs for this broadside:

"They have produced a long-haired, hand-holding, somewhat sloppy young man who inhabits dance halls and cinema and has no masculine instincts.

"I blame the girls, mark you. If only they would box the ears of any young man who is competing with them as to who can grow the longest hair, and have nothing whatever to do with anyone who does not follow some masculine game, there would be an enormous change in a short time."

TITO WILL BE OVERTHROWN

Soviet Marshal's Confidence

BUDAPEST, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): Marshal Klementi Voroshilov of the Soviet Union said were today "the plans of the imperialists are doomed and all the threats of atomic or hydrogen bombs will not deter us from continuing the fight for peace".

With Communist leaders from 20 countries including Britain and Canada, the veteran Russian Marshal was reviewing one of Hungary's largest post-war military and civilian parades. It was held to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Hungary's liberation from the Germans by the Soviet Army on April 4, 1945.

Marshal Voroshilov, a member of the Politburo—predicted that Marshal Josef Tito would be overthrown and that Yugoslavia would regain its place alongside the "People" Democracies".

Marshal Voroshilov, who is Deputy Chairman of the Soviet Council of Ministers, said: "The western powers are mistaken if they believe that the Yugoslav people will support them or can be incited to war against the Soviet Union.

"The Yugoslav people know their place is within the camp of peace, and the working class of Yugoslavia will undoubtedly overthrow Tito and regain its place within the ranks of the people's democracies".

Tito Leans More Towards West

BELGRADE, (IPS): Yugoslavia is loaning more and more to the Western pattern of life. It is eliminating all Russian influence that a Slavanic nation has imbibed. The latest change is its army will abandon its present uniform which is on the Russian pattern. The new uniform is designed on the Western style.

JUTE SUBSTITUTES IN U. K.

MANCHESTER, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): Increasing scarcity and rising costs of jute in Britain—especially in supplies from Pakistan—are reflected in an important deal which has been concluded here.

The £4,200,000 Manchester textile manufacturing firm of A. S. Henry have acquired English Spinners, a Blackburn (Lancashire) company which makes yarn substitute for jute.

It is expected that Henrys will now be able to offer larger quantities of the substitute.

English spinners business, which was launched at the end of the war, has been bought for cash.

Vote "Too Dangerous" A Weapon!

BRITAIN'S COLONIAL POLICY DEFENDED

LONDON, April 4, (PTI-Reuter): Sir Godfrey Huggins, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, declared here today that greater British understanding of the colonial racial problem was essential for a closer union of African territories. He attacked British press publicity of the "over-magnified" Seretse Khama case and "a large body of public opinion" trying to "force political responsibility on to the native".

"This carping, uninformed criticism may have the effect of forcing our people into the reactionary camps", he warned.

"We would like to see a bit more practical interest in our approach to this problem and let there be a little less misinformed criticism".

It would be irresponsible to give "such a dangerous weapon as the vote" to people who still tried to solve their problems by "studying the entrails of a goat" he told a press conference.

SERETSE KHAMA

"Some British statements had been quite untrue" about the Seretse Khama case, arising out of the Bechuanaland Chieftain designate's marriage to a London typist

"I think the tribesmen had a choice of evils between Seretse and the Regent", the Premier said "At first they turned down Seretse if he married his present wife. They had some squabbles, but they were frightened of being landed with the regent'

"They probably would have indulged in some tribal wars and there would have been an awful mess up".

LONDON, April 4, (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, Pakistan's Finance Minister is now expected to arrive in London by air from Karachi during the third week of April.

After staying a few days in London he is likely to visit the United States.

MYSTERIOUS U. BOATS OFF CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3 (PTI-Reuter): The captain of a United States destroyer sent to search for mysterious sub-marines reported off the California coast, stated today he made two contacts with what "from all indications" appeared to be U boats of the latest design.

"One dived and the other conducted evasive tactics which we tracked for about one hour", he said.

The captain said it was his opinion as a former sub-marine officer that the "contacts" had been submarines.

The United States Navy said no American submarines were operating in the area concerned.

G. B. S. Advocates Basic Income

LONDON, April 4, (UPI): Mr. George Bernard Shaw said here that he had never advocated taking the entire income of the whole country and dividing it equally among the people.

"Equality of income means no such thing", he declared "anyway, if that were done at the present time, each part would not amount to more than 2 1/2d. And it would mean the utter destruction of the nation.

"I am not advocating that I am advocating a basic income which would ensure that nobody would be disabled by poverty".

Living Cost Up In 23 Countries

BUT DOWN IN BOMBAY

GENEVA (ILO News Service): The cost of living increased over a twelve-months' period in 23 of 34 countries for which the International Labour Office at Geneva has received recent statistics Living costs decreased in 11 of the 34 countries for which figures were announced today.

Countries in which living costs decreased between January, 1949 and January, 1950, were as follows: France (Paris), 1.3 per cent.; Switzerland, 2.6 per cent.; Italy, 5.0 per cent.; the United States, 2.3 per cent.; the Philippine (Manila), 8.9 per cent.; Iran, 9.6 per cent.; Israel, 12.8 per cent.; and Indonesia (Djakarta), 15.1 per cent.

Countries where the cost of living decreased between December, 1948 and December, 1949, included: Uruguay (Montevideo), 1.8 per cent.; India (Bombay), 5.5 per cent.; and Hawaii (Honolulu), 8.5 per cent.

THOSE SHOWING INCREASE

Living costs in January, 1950, were higher than a year earlier in eight European countries: Austria (Vienna), 27.5 per cent.; the United Kiugdom, 3.7 per cent.; Iceland, 4.9 per cent.; Finland, 4.7 per cent.; Portugal (Lisbon), 3.9 per cent.; Denmark, 1.1 per cent.; Norway, 0.8 per cent.; and Sweden, 0.3 per cent. Five other countries for which a similar comparison can be made showed increases as follows: Peru (Lima), 19.0 per cent.; Mexico City), 6.8 per cent.; (Burma (Rangoon), 3.5 per cent.; Union of South Africa, 2.4 per cent.; and Canada, 0.8 per cent.

From December, 1948 to December, 1949, the cost of living had also increased in the following countries: Spain, 7.9 per cent.; Greece (Athens), 6.7 per cent.; Turkey (Istanbul), 6.4 cent.; the Netherlands, 5.4 per cent.; Chile (Santiago), 20.6 per cent.; Brazil (Sao Paulo), 6.1 per cent.; Colombia (Bogota), 4.2 per cent.; and Japan, 4.7 per cent

Latest figures available for Ireland showed that the cost of living was 2.0 per cent higher in mid-November, 1949, than a year earlier, and in Australia the figure for the last quarter of 1949 indicated an increase of 9.3 per cent. for the year

U. N. VISITING MISSION

Tour Of Trust Areas In Western Pacific

LAKE SUCCESS, April 3 (P.T.I.-Reuter): A four-member United Nations Visiting Mission will leave New York on April 5, to visit Trust territories in the Western Pacific which are under the administration of the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

The Mission, the first of its kind to go out to that area, was appointed by the Trusteeship Council in January. It is expected to report back to the Council in August.

The Mission consists of representatives of Britain, China, France and the Philippines and its Chairman is Sir Alan Burns (Britain).

Lasting Understanding And Accord Expected

LONDON PAPERS OPTIMISTIC OF DELHI TALKS

LONDON, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): The liberal "News Chronicle" in a leading article wished Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan's Prime Minister, and Pandit Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, godspeed in their present discussions in Delhi and hoped that a lasting understanding and accord would emerge from the talks.

Stating that life could never be stable in either Pakistan or Indian while the minorities "live in fear of knife in the back" the "News Chronicle" said, "the unrest within both India and Pakistan poisons their mutual relationship. Trade, finance and, above all, the position of Kashmir are questions urgently needing an answer, but remain in abeyance while communal troubles go on.

"Pandit Nehru and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan are right to tackle the minority problem first".

The Conservative 'Daily Telegraph" said that goodwill and anxious hope far beyond the confines of Indo-Pakistan sub-continent would wait on the meetings in Delhi this week between Pandit Nehru and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan.

For, although the immediate purpose of the conference is to seek solution to the minority problem, both Prime Ministers seem sincerely resolved to reach a basis for settling also the other major issues which are embittering political relations between the two countries and paralysing their economic life.

The "Daily Telegraph" said what chiefly encouraged optimism for the outcome of the Delhi talks was not that the problems to be discussed had suddenly become easier, but that they were now being approached with statesmanship on both sides.

"In a few short weeks, the atmosphere has changed unrecognisably for the better".

"Over Kashmir, there is already common ground in acceptance of the Security Council's proposals. And these beginnings of agreement and goodwil augur well for settlement of the less embittered practical problems of the economic war" the "Telegraph" said.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

During the week ending the 31st March, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 04 25,000 were sold in favour of the Reserve Bank of India.

Sir Owen Dixon As Mediator?

NEW YORK PAPER'S REPORT

NEW YORK, April 4, (PTI): Under the heading "United Nations Mediator for Kashmir is found at last" the "New York Herald Tribune" reported from Lake Success today that Sir Owen Dixon, a Justice in the High Court of Australia had become "first in line" for the post of United Nations Mediator for Kashmir, cables D. P. Wagle, P.T.I, Special Representative at U. N. Headquarters.

The newspaper did not report its source, but said the selection was "subject to formal election by the Security Council later this week".

It added that "while Sir Owen was on the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria, his decisions were never upset on appeal".

Inquiries showed that neither the Indian nor Pakistan delegations had yet formally received any notification of the selection of Sir Owen.

India had made it a condition of her acceptance of the Kashmir resolution that the Mediator must be a person acceptable to her India had also suggested that the Mediator should be a civilian and not a military personality.

Observers thought that the delay in submitting the name of the Mediator to the two countries might have been caused by expectations that talks in Delhi might include the subject of Kashmir.

Rs. 220,000 For Burma's Anti-Fascist League

RANGOON, April 3 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Members of the Burma Muslim Chamber of Commerce today presented cheques totalling Rs. 220,000 to Prime Minister Thakin Nu, President of the anti-Fascist Peoples Freedom League, for the League's funds.

Cabinet Ministers, foreign diplomats and leading citizens were present at the ceremony.

Jordan–Israel Differences

EFFORTS TO SECURE COMPROMISE

(From Our Correspondent)

DAMASCUS, April 4.

WHILE no efforts are being spared to secure a durable understanding between Jordan and Israel independently, the Arab League Special Committee on Palestine— reconstituted last November— produced a number of recommendations which aim at increasingly tightening the economic and diplomatic boycott of Israel, according to well-informed sources here.

The recommendations, which were formulated by a reportedly unanimous agreement in committee reiterate the necessity of close observance of the standing measures of economic boycott, and laid down that Arab governments should in future refuse entry into their countries of all Israeli citizens specifically, and Zionists and pro-Zionists generally.

Bearers of passports with Israeli visas should also be banned admission, except in cases where the government concerned considers it imperative to allow the exception. Close inspection of ships and other vessels calling at Arab ports should become a regular practice, the recommendations state, especially of those vessels suspected of smuggling goods or contraband to Israel, or have done so in the past. Such vessels should, moreover, not be supplied with fuel when in Arab ports, and cargo destined to Israel should be seized.

It is understood that the circulation of the boycott recommendations among member-states at the outset of the League Council meeting constitutes one of a series of "self-defence" precautions resulting from the receipt of reliable information which reveal earnest Israeli attempts to procure British arms in large quantities.

The report said that Israel had offered to pay the price for its contempated arms purchases in U.S. dollars, a step which Britain is alleged to have agreed to consider. Coupled to this attempt is Israel's efforts allegedly aiming at delaying the passage of the vote for $27½ millions by the American Congress towards works and relief projects for Palestine Arab refugees. It is recalled that America undertook to subscribe to 50 per cent of the total required for the execution of the plans and projects prepared by the Middle East Survey Mission, headed by Gordon Clapp.

The report alludes to unmistakable signs of Israel's anxiety to end the abnormal situation in which it presently finds itself, surrounded by hostile Arab neighbours.

Narrow Price Movement In Active Shares

SCATTERED MIXED TRADING

BOMBAY, April 4.

The Bombay Stock Exchange opened steady today but there being utter absence of buying urge, prices of Steel shares sagged under scattered liquidation.

The opening improvement was influenced by favourable progress of Delhi talk but there is more disposition to await the final result. Moreover the question of refugees will involve more cost to the Government and naturally this being a initial economic factor, professional operators are holding aloof.

As far as the industrial production is concerned, both steel and cement industries are doing well. Cotton textile production does not indicate any marked improvement owing to the shortage of raw cotton.

The Steel Defd. Shares opened higher at Rs. 1605 but gradually declined at Rs. 1590 under scattered liquidation. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 318 and declined at Rs. 315. Indian Iron Shares were done at Rs. 28/11 and Bengal Steels came in business at Rs. 20.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1039 and declined at Rs. 1036. Kohinoor Mill Shares were done at Rs. 310 and Swadeshi Shares were placed at Rs. 269. Scindia Shares were quoted at Rs. 13/2.

Later on there was scattered covering and quotations recovered few points from the low level reached. Trading was restricted and the market was dull. Tata Steel Defds. improved at Rs. 1595 and Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 316 while Bombay Dyeings stood at Rs. 1037/8.

There was narrow price movement throughout the session and professional operators are holding aloof. Outside participation is poor and the market remains unattractive.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (17-8)	1037 8
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	310 0
Svadeshi Mills (12-4)	269 0
Central India Mills (6)	231 0
Simplex Mills (6-8)	190 0
New Great Eastern (8)	144 0
Indore (8-13)	112 8
Gcjak Mills (12)	263 0
Century Spinning (15)	238 12
Indian Bleaching (6)	150 0
Swan Mills (20)	322 8
Finlay Mills (15)	258 0
Morarji Goculdas (S)	150 0
Edward Sassoon (30)	220 0
Meyer (12)	88 12
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 13 6
India United Ord. (0-14-9)	12 0
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1 13 6
Madhusudan (15)	180 0
Podar (S)	130 8
Khatau Makanji (6)	163 12
Swadeshi Coupon	68 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	315 8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1592 8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-12)	139 12
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (7) XD	151 6
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8) XD	438 12
Belapur Sugar (9)	221 8
Shivrajpur (1-8)	30 0
Scindia Steam (6-8)	13 1
Premier Construction	91 4
Tata Chemical	11 6
Tata Oil (2)	46 12
Indian Iron (0-12)	28 9
Bengal Steel (0-12-0)	20 0
Bengal India Corp. (0-9)	8 9
Indian Copper	2 3
Wimco	230 0
Alcock	299 6
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Hydro (3)	154 0
Andhra Valley (30)	1440 0
Tata Power (25)	1540 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	59 0
Phoenix (50)	151 0
Indian Mfg. (40)	2950 0
Kurla XD	116 4
Colaba (12)	105 0
New City (11)	172 8
Minerva (12)	130 0
Bradbury (12)	520 0
Bharucha Defd. (0.4)	4 4
Bharat Mills (2)	30 0
Mysore (4)	117 8
Madhavji (0-12-0)	14 4
Model Mills (13-8)	158 12
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	632 8
Vishnu Cotton (8)	210 0
Western India (40)	2925 J
Standard (15)	227 8
Sholapur (200)	3150 J
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8-0)	18 0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000 J
Tata Mills (2-4)	52 0
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	240 0
New Ahmedabad	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3) XD	34 8
New Union Mills (0-8)	19 2
Madhusudan S. (2-5)	35 0
Shrinivas Mills (S)	173 12
Raja Bahadur (4)	54 0
Berar Mills	263 12
Victoria Mills	225 0
ELECTRIC (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-2)	129 6
Ahmedabad New	102 0
Surat Electric	133 2
Karachi Electric (2)	136 14
Broach (0-5)	6 12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 2
Amalgamated	11 2
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	28 8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	136 4
Bombay Suburban (8)	151 4
Bombay Suburban New	145 0
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India	1775 0
Imperial Bank P. (0-12)	435 0
Central Bank (2) XD	79 12
Central Bank New (1-8)	83 0
Bank of India (4)	166 0
Union (0-3)	7 10
Baroda (2-3)	120 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	37 8
United Commercial (1-8)	44 8
Jaipur Bank (18-0)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	17 0
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Eastern Bank (0.14-9)	92 0
INSURANCE SHARES	
Oriental (125)	4720 0
Empire (10)	571 4
New India (1-7)	55 0
Jupiner (0-12)	12 14
Vulvan (0-10)	13 8
Indian Mercantile (0-4)	39 0
Universal	11 4
BIG (1)	17 0
Industrial and Prudential	28 4
Neptune	7 0
All India General	12 12
New Great	25 0
RAILWAY SHARES	
C. P. (1-14) XD	112 0
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (10)	237 8
Bombay Burma New (5)	149 6
Burma Petrol	1 5
Mackenzie (6)	97 0
Port Canning (3)	58 8
Kemp and Co. (20)	300 0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125 0
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	94 8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	47 8
Mukund Iron	13 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	14 0
Alembic (15)	146 4
Supreme Industries	72 8
Bombay Uganda	67 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	22 8
Indian Cement (1937)	19 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (B.S.)	151 4
United Motor	28 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	775 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Manamadi Steam	100 0
Gujarat Motor	26 14
Sardar Carbonic XD	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrella Batteries	30 0
Manmad Press	120 0
National Rayon	49 12
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	198 8
Andhra Valley (7)	1232 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1345 0
Hydro Electric (7)	132 8
Bombay Steamer (6)	223 12
Central India (5)	653 12
Swedish Mills	130 0
Vishnu Mills (7)	672 8
Laxmi	276 4
New Great Mills (5-8)	220 4
Podar Mills (4)	95 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	106 14
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	316 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130 0
Pre. Construction First	106 0
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref.	98 0
Amalgamated	115 0
India	72 0
Tata Chemical	125 0
Walchandnagar	130 0
Jupiter	13 4
Supreme	100 1
Meyer	102 8
Mackenzie First	85 0
Mackenzie (2)	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	127 8
Mysore Mill	41 0
Standard	99 0
Madhusudan	12 0
Khatau	100 0
Morarji	94 8
National Rayon	74 8
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952	103 4
Gula Kajamsingh	8 9
Rubber Planting	17 0
Bombay Steamer	97 0
Indian Hume Pipe	101 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchandnagar	105 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 12
New Victoria	2 2
New Victoria Pref.	4 4
Phalton	118 0
Gold Mohor	305 0
New Kaiser-i-Hind	325 0
Sajjan	121 0
Osmanshahi	230 0
Ajam Shahi	270 0
Air Service	4 0
Air India	56 8
Hind Motors	5 0
India Steam	6 11

Tata Iron And Steel Production

Messrs. Tata Industries Ltd., Managing Agents for the Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd., report that the total approximate production of Iron and Steel at the Steel Works at Jamshedpur during the month of March 1950 was:—

		Tons
Pig Iron		93,400
Steel Ingots		91,400
FINISHED STEEL		
Semis for sale	14,700	
Finished ..	47,700	62,400

Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, April 4.

120 Ready Japan	6	13	0
150 Ready Japan	5	5	0
120 Ready Italy	5	10	0
150 Ready Italy	4	14	0
150 D Box April	969	0	0
150D Box May	963	0	0

N. Y. SILVER SALES

NEW YORK, April 3.

SILVER: Buying remained slow with the leading consumer showing no interest. Sales approximated 75,000 ounces at unchanged 72 cents, an ounce.

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, April 4.

The local Bullion market was quiet today on moderate liquidation In the current settlement bulls were inclined to transfer their interest and the difference narrowed at Rs. 1/12 Current Settlement silver was quoted at Rs. 184/4 Next Settlement opened at Rs. 182/12 and after declining at Rs. 182/4 steadied at Rs. 182/8. Ready silver was placed at Rs 184/4. Forward gold opened at Rs. 114/10 and after declining at Rs. 114/2 Steadied at Rs. 114/6. Ready gold was quoted at Rs. 114/12 and sovereigns were priced at Rs 75/8

Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	183	4	0
Forward	183	0	0
Ready Gold	114	8	0
Forward	114	7	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, April 4.

The local produce market was quietly steady. Serious efforts are being made to restart forward trading in Castorseeds pending the new Exchange constitution is ready. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS			
Khandesh Quality Ready	42	0	0
Madras Coromondal	41	11	0
Bold Ready	41	0	0
Oil Bombay Mills	22	8	0
Oil Upcountry Mills	21	14	0
Oil April delivery	21	14	0
Oil May	22	9	0
LINSEED			
Bold Ready	36	8	0
Small Satna	35	10	0
April-May	36	4	0
Oil	21	0	0
CASTORSEEDS			
Castorseeds Ready	27	4	0
Madras March	27	10	0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, April 4.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	94	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	0	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97	1	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	99	9	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	4	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	95	12	0
2 per cent Con. X.W.	96	15	6
3 per cent 1951-54	101	4	0
3 per cent 1952-55	101	11	0
3 per cent 1957	101	9	0
3 per cent 1950-51	101	5	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	6	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	2	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	0	0
2 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	6	0
3 1/2 per cent 1950-70	110	2	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	100	12	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-56	112	10	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	5	0
2 3/4 per cent C. P 1961	97	2	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1981	97	2	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	100	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	8	0
3 per cent C. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.-W.-F 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U P 1901-68	99	8	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	98	10	0
4 per cent B P L long dated	109	12	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni.	109	12	0
5 per cent Bombay Muni. 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent Bombay Muni. 1954	113	8	0
6 per cent K. P. T. 1950	113	0	0

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, April 3.

KARNAK—	
May	77.90+365
July	78.00+360
November	71.30+155
ASHMOUNI—	
April	89.35+155
June	89.50+165
August	80.75— 05
October	58.85— 05

LONDON STOCKS

LONDON, April 3.

2-1/2 p.c. Br. Consols	£68-7/8
3-1/2 p.c. Conversion loan 1961	£92-1/8
4 p.c. Funding loan 1960/90	£10-3-8
3-1/2 p.c. War Loan on or after Dec. 1st 1952	£91-7/8
Chartered Bank of India	£9-9/16
Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank London reg.	£81-
National Bank of India	£32-1/8

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 7.048

LONDON BULLION

LONDON April 3.

London Silver both spot and forward 63.

London Gold Bars fine per oz. £12/8/0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, April 4.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th-9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th-9th Month.

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 478 1/4. Montreal Rs. 435.

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 478 1/4 Montreal Rs. 435

Banks Buying T T Rs 475 Montreal Rs. 431 3/4

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 472 1/2 Montreal Rs. 429 3/4

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 473 3/4 L/C., Montreal Rs. 430 1/2.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs 7250

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 7500.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T D. D. Fl 79.

Switzerland Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 90 1/4.

Belgium Banks Selling T T. D. D. Fcs. 1033

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gldrs. 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 83 1/4.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 156 3/4.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 238 3/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8. London/Afghanistan Cross Rate/Afghani Rs. not quoted. London/Alexandria Cross Rate Pia 97 1/4-3/4. London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl 10.63-65 London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl 35. London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 139.90-140.10. London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr 19.32-36 London/Hong Kong Cross Rate 1/2 27/32-1/2 15/16 London/Iran Cross Rate Ri. 89.40-91.00 London/Java Cross Rate Fl 10-63-65. London/Karachi Cross Rate Rs. 2/1-84-2/1.94 London/Lisbon Cross Rate Esc. 80.35. London/Manila Cross Rate Fcs 5.60-5.65. London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 3/07 3/4-3.08 1/4. London/New York Cross Rate dol 2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8. London Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02. London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 979-981. London/Prague Cross Rate K. not quoted London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16 2/4 3/16. London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50. London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 12.23-12.26

London Discts 3 Mos. 5/8 p.c.

London Discts 6 Mos. 3/4 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money: Call 3/4 per cent. 3 Mos. 1 1/4 per cent. 6 Mos. 1 1/2 per cent. 12 Mos. 1 3/4 per cent.

Tone: Steady.

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, April 4.

Following are today's quotations on the Madras Stock Exchange:—

SECURITIES:

Government of India Three per cent Paper 96/14, Ditto 1986 97, Ditto 1970/75 100, Ditto 1966/68 100/5, Three per cent Government of Madras 1960 100/4.

BANKS:

Travancore 14/4.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES:

Deccan 16/14, Mysore 45/8, Travancore 5/7.

PLANTINGS:

Chembra 5/1, Cochin Malabar 4/9, Devashola 14/4, Midland 409, Nelliampathy 1/3, Ouchterlony 6/5, Periakaramalai 25/12, Pullangode 1/2/6, Thirumbadi 1/14/6, T R. and T/. Co. 5/6.

TEXTILES:

Coimbatore CM 146, Coimbatore Pioneer 119, Coimbatore Spg. 53, Buckingham 136/8, Ditto Pref. 188, Janardhana 82, Lakshmi 71, Madura 37, Mettur 328, Mysore Silk, Filature 3/15, Radhakrishna 189, Rajalakshmi 76/8, Ranga Vilas 65/12, Trav Rayons 3/14, Trichinopoly 11.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Andhra Cement 70, F. A C. T. 5/2, Indian Steel Rolling 5/7, Mettur Chem. 5/6, Mysore Chem. Fert 7/10/6.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, April 4.

Apollo 2/13, 2/13/6.
B. Dyeing 1036/4, 38/12, 35, 37/8.
C. India 232, 31, 32, 30, 31.
Finlay 259, 60, 58.
Gokak 263.
I. U. Defd. 1/13/6.
I. U. Ord. 12, 11/14/6, 12.
Indore 112/8.
Kohinoor 311, 10, 10/8, 9/12, 10.
Mysore 167/8.
New Great 145, 44.
Sassoon Silk 35.
Rajabahadur 54.
Simplex 191, 88/8, 90.
Svadeshi 269, 68, 69, 68, 69.
Swan 322/8.
Elphinstone Ord. 59.
Tata Mills 52.
Vishnu 211/4, 10.
Scindia 13/3, 13/1, 13/1/6, 13/0/6, 13/1.
Baroda 120.
Central 80/12, 79/12
Central New 82, 83.
Imperial Old 1778/12,, 75,
Imperial New 436/4, 35.
India 167/12, 66.
Union 7/10.
U. Commercial 45, 44/8.
Ahmedabad 130, 29/6.
Andhra 1443/12, 40,
Hydro 154.
Hydro Pref. 132/8.
Power 1540.
Power Pref. 1345.
I. Mercantile 39.
B. I G. 17
New India 54/8, 55.
B. Steel 20/1, 20.
I. Iron 28/11, 28/9/6, 28/11, 28/9.
Tata Defd 1606/4, 8/12, 1595, 1600. 1591/4, 95, 92/8.
Tata Ord. 318, 15/4, 16, 15/8.
Tata IInd Pref. 140, 39/12.
Alcock 297/8, 99/6.
A C. C. 151/12, 50/12, 51/8, 51, 51/8.
Belapur 222, 21, 21/8.
B. B. Old 441/4, 37/8, 38/12..
B B. New 148/12, 49/6.
B. Petrol 1/4/6, 1/5.
B. I. C 8/10, 8/9.
Dharamsey 47/8
Dena Trust 14.
Port Canning 58
P. Const. 92 91, 91/8, 91, 91/4.
Shivrajpur 30.
Tata Chem 11/6
Tata Oil 47 46/12.
Walchandnagar 151/4.
Wimco 232/8, 30.

SPECIAL:

Ahmedabad Elec. New 101, 2.
Berar Mfg 262/8 63/12.
B. Suburban Elec. New 145.

Switching Operations On New York Cotton Exchange

WALL STREET RECOVERS ON PROSPECTS OF INCREASED STEEL PRODUCTION

NEW YORK, April 3.

Early declines on hedges and liquidation in nearbys and profittaking in newcrops, the former rallied on improved trade demand and covering The market was featured by switching operations with a leading spothouse continuing to sell May against purchased of July.

Deferred deliveries were inclined to lag as traders awaited fresh developments in connection with the next crop prospects and President Truman's farm message to Congress.

Prices drifted narrowly in slow trading. Switching operations by a leading spot firm remained the principal trading feature in old crops while dealings in new crops were largely professional. The session closed steady with sales estimated at 80,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

May	32.27 (plus)	04
July	32.29 (plus)	04
October	30.67 (minus)	00
December	30.49 (minus)	02
March	30.49 (minus)	02
Middling Spot	32.82 (plus)	02

N9W ORLEANS COTTON

May	31.95 (plus)	07
July	31.97 (plus)	02
October	30.59 (minus)	01
December	30.39 (minus)	02
Middling Spot	31.80 (plus)	05

New York Cotton July highest 32.30 at 12.20 hrs Lowest 32.21 at 10-00 hrs.

WALL STREET MARKET

The market managed to undo some more of the damage suffered last Thursday but trading was limited as many long term investors continued to await further evidence that the market has settled down. The sentiment was mostly cheerful aided by some views that business outlook for the next few months was "very satisfactory."

Buildings were helped by the department of commerce estimate that new construction in the first-quarter has reached a record 4,400,000,0000 dollars or 18 percent above the same 1949 period. The averages were industrials 206.49 and rails 55.43.

Aided by some further pleasing news the recovery extended with gains up to a dollar prevailing in modest trade. Steels were impressed with the estimates of ingot operations this week scheduled to be a shade higher at 96.8 percent of capacity. Prices firmed further near the close led by rails and motors. This brought the market back to or slight above the point from which last Thursday's reaction started. The market closed firm.

N. Y. STOCKS

NEW YORK April 3.

American Telephone and Telegraph	154-7/8
Amerex holnine Co.,	36
Anaconda Copper Mining	28-1/2
Chase National Bank,	37-5/8
Firestone tyre (ex-div.)	59
General Electric	46-3/4
General Motors	78-3/4
Ingersoll Rand	67-3/4
International Nickel	25-1/4
National City Bank	46-5/8
New York Central railroad	14-7/8
Sinclair Oil Corporation	24-1/8
Socony Vacuum Corp	17-1/8
Texas Corp	64-1/2
Union Carbide,	44-3/8
U.S. Smelting & Refining	34-3/4
U.S. Steel Common	31-5/8
Western Union	23

Total number of shares which changed hands during the day was 1,570,000.

Highest and Lowest U.S. Steel trading prices were 31-7/8 and 30-7/8 respectively.

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO, April 3

Wheat prices weakened sharply on general selling prompted by reports of light showers last night in parts of Kansas, Missouri and Texas. Oldcrop soyabeans were also weak initially declining nearly four cents a bushel under profittaking attracted by the recent advances.

After the early sharp decline in wheat, prices recovered on short covering with some buying of May wheat based on the news that the production and marketing administration is in the market for 180.000 hundred pounds weight hard wheat flour for shipment to Greece.

Soybeans also erased a part of the early loss on private reports that the Commodity Credit Corporation purchased 971,000 bushels at Kanas City last Friday and 210.000 ay New York believed for export.

NEW YORK PEPPER MARKET QUIET

NEW YORK: April 3.

BLACK PEPPER: The pepper market was quiet but easier with spots and afloats offered at 1.38 dollars and shipments positions at 1.35. There were buyers for spots at 1.35 and all other positions at 1.33. Grinders and dealers are still cautious. Following are today's closing prices:

(OLD CONTRACT): Spot 1.38 asked, April 1.34 nom., May 1.34 nom., June unquoted, July 1.33 nom. Sept. 1.33 nom. October 1.33 nom., December 1.28 nom., Jan., 1.26 nom Feb., 1.22 nom White pepper spot 2.45 asked.

NEW CONTRACT: April 1.34 asked, May 1.34 asked, June 1.34 asked, July 1.33 asked, Sept 1.34 asked, Oct. 1.33 asked, Dec., 1.28 asked, Jan. 1.26 asked, Feb 1.22 asked.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, April 4 (PTI-Reuter)—Only handful price changes were recorded by domestic stocks on the London Stock Exchange today. These generally were of a minor character and insufficient to give the markets a definite trend.

Overseas issues provided most of the interest and movement. Dollar stocks responded with gains up to three and a half points to the overnight strength of Wall Street and there were scattered improvement in oils and rubbers. The latter benefitted from advance in the price of commodity.

Speculative buying of Leopoldina railway issues continued today. The company's statement on compensation payout came after the market closed with prices of all stocks showing good rises.

The foreign bond section was mainly dull. German and Japanese loans lost ground but there was firmness in potash issues.

Trading in all sections is restricted by approach of the Easter holidays which in turn will be followed by United Kingdom's Budget day.

Although confidence was not fully restored, there was a better feeling in the Kaffir Market. Opening prices moved to lower levels but showed some recovery in the final dealings.

CONTINENTAL STOCK EXCHANGES

PARIS, April 3.—The bourse continued the recovery movement begun at the last week in a somewhat broadening trade. French rentes again made good showing. Forward trading saw the continuation of Sues improvement with small gains predominant among banks, industrials and minings. Spot dealings saw a well maintained rubber section while foods and wetstocks were in demand. Among internationals, most Dutch shares gained ground led by H.V.A., but royal Dutch was weak. Kaffirs and oils were mixed but most other issues made further progress.

BRUSSELS.

Conditions were very quiet in forward trading on the bourse here today with irregular but limited price movements were recorded both ways. On the cash market, electricities were well maintained but dealings were very limited. Textiles were mixed while there was some indecision among the other sections notably engineerings, collieries and colonials.

AMSTERDAM.

Indonesians and internationals lost substantial ground when selling by the general investor met no support. Some heavy losses incurred. Royal Dutch led the downturn at one time losing over seven points before recovering to finish at 266-1/8 against 271-1/8 previously. Plantations were weak under the influence of the East Sumatra strikes.

LONDON COPRA STEADY

LONDON, April 3.

COPRA:—The copra market was steady but quiet. Philippines April-May shipment was dearer at 220 United States dollars sellers per ton f.o.b., while Straits/Dutch East Indies was unchanged at £83 per ton c.i.f. Continent.

The coconutoil market was steadier. Straits April-May shipment in drums was quoted at £131 and in bulk at £126-1/2 per ton.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Speculatives Ruled Steady

CALCUTTA, April 4, (PTI): The speculative counters ruled steady while coals and jutes remained steady at slightly below the best Government securities were unchanged.

Following are today's final transactions up to 3-00 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Loan 1986 97, Three per cent Loan 1951/54 101/5 S Lot, Three per cent Loan 1953/55 101/8 S. Lot, Three per cent Loan 1963/65 100/10 S. Lot, Three per cent Loan 1966/68 100/3, Three per cent Loan 1970/75 99/15.

BANKS: Bengal Central 7/14, Hindustan Mecantile 18/4, United Commercial 45

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textiles 9/15, Kesoram 15/11, Elgin Mills 16/1, New Victoria Ordy. 2/1.

COALS: Bengal 510, Bharat Colliery 6/1, Borrea 28/12, Burrakur 11/13, Central India 4/13, Dhemo Main 13/8, Ghusick Muslia 15 Odd Lot, North Damuda 6 CT, Standard 19/14, Western Bengal 4/10.

JUTES: Anglo-India 192, Champadany 152, Howrah 25/5, Kamarhatty 242, Kanknarrah 154, Naihati 127, Presidency 5/6, Kinnison 182, Megna 116, Nudden 59/4

ENGINEERINGS: Brit. Eng. 12/11 SL, Burn and Co. Ordy 250, India Iron 28/9, Kumardhubi Eng 7/12, Marshalls 7/4, National Iron 4/8, Steel Corp. 20/4

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. 2/13, Consolidated tin annas thirteen, Indian Copper 2/5, Tavoy Tin annas nine, Sone Valley Cement 5/14, Calcutta Electric 14/7, B.I.C. 8/11, F and C. Osler 5/4, Indian National Airways 2/15 Indian Wood Products 31/8, Jardine Henderson 139, Martin Burn 16/6, Metal Corp 4/2, British Burma Petrol 1/5, Bengal Paper 40/8, Titaghur Paper 33/10. Midnapore Zemindary 58, Assam Saws 8/12, Indian General Navgn. 70, India Steamship 6/12

SUGARS: Ramnugger Cane 13.

TEAS: Baghmari 15/12, Bateli 13/14, Birpara 126, Bishnauth 34/2, Guppgaram 258, Hasimara 34, Hantapara 191 SL, Namburnadi 8/8, Tezpore 23/6.

KARACHI COTTON MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, April 4.

Cotton steadier on good demand and prospects of U.K. and Far East buying.

Yesterday's spot sales 5,000, Exports 2945 sales for Continental Ports and Hong Kong. Principal features of new agreement with U.K. are that all payments will be made at Karachi and in case of disputes arising under contract arbitration will be conducted under Liverpool (or Manchester Cotton Associations. Standards for arbitrations and appeals will each crop year will be prepared jointly by Karachi Cotton Association and R.C.C.

Cotton seeds easier owing poor demand and larger arrivals. Gold steady.

Current quotations: Cotton NT Rollers 69-8 Punjab 289 F 70 Four F 67-8 Cotton seeds NT ready 5-4 April 5-7 Gold 101-12.

INDORE SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

INDORE CITY, April 4.

Indore Stock Exchange remained closed today.

On Indore Bullion Exchange forward gold commenced at 114-11. Owing to speculative support price advanced from Rs. 114-9 to Rs. 115-2-6. But when the Exchange closed for the day it was placed around Rs. 115-2.

On Indore Bada Sarafa Association forward silver opened at Rs. 183-2 highest touched Rs. 184-4 lowest Rs. 183-2 and closed Rs. 184-3.

Index Numbers Of Security Prices

(BASE: 1938=100)

ALL INDIA

GROUP AND SUB-GROUP	Week Ended 26-3-1949	25-2-1950	18-3-1950	25-3-1950
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities				
Govt. of India Loans	101.51	101.05	101.07	101.01
Indian States Loans	101.94	98.89	98.89	98.89
Municipal, Port Trust and Improvement Trust Loans	98.00	97.23	97.23	97.23
GROUP INDEX	101.43	100.92	100.94	100.88
Fixed Dividend Industrial Securities				
Electricity	78.4	80.5	81.5	81.5
Cotton	157.8	149.5	148.8	148.2
Jute	107.8	89.3	88.6	88.6
Coal	116.9	106.6	106.2	106.2
Iron and Steel	89.8	90.2	91.4	91.5
Sugar	124.5	105.9	101.0	101.0
Paper	119.9	100.0	99.2	99.2
Plantations	118.9	113.6	113.2	113.0
GROUP INDEX	106.85	100.15	100.16	100.13
Variable Dividend Industrial Securities				
Banks	130.2	121.2	119.2	118.2
Insurance	140.1	121.4	122.4	121.5
Investment Trusts	198.3	164.9	164.5	161.0
Electricity Companies and Tramways	87.2	85.3	85.3	85.0
Shipping & Other Transport Cos.	116.5	91.7	87.8	88.2
Railways	91.5	89.3	88.9	88.1
Plantations	138.7	127.9	127.4	126.8
Cotton, Woollen and Silk	172.4	153.9	155.9	155.0
Jute	95.3	74.5	71.5	68.7
Coal	120.8	105.1	103.6	101.5
Mining and Oil	66.6	59.4	59.0	59.1
Iron and Steel	137.4	154.1	142.2	138.5
General Engineering	166.3	164.7	157.3	154.1
Sugar	132.3	117.4	113.6	110.9
Breweries	108.0	102.7	98.6	97.0
Chemicals	165.1	164.3	160.2	158.2

Qualifications For Members Of Parliament

AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF CONSTITUTION

Criticism Of K. T. Shah's Resolution

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI)

PARLIAMENT today took up Prof. K. T. Shah's non-official resolution saying that qualifications should be laid down for membership of Parliament and State Legislatures.

The debate was inconclusive and the resolution will be carried forward to the next session.

Prof. K. T. Shah said his object was to ensure the service in Parliament and State Legislatures of a body of men and women devoted to the cause of the nation. Membership of the Legislature should be denied to people who had merely a knack of pleasing party bosses, manipulating party machinery or satisfying the "Press giants".

Mr. Aanthasayanam Ayyangar, Mr. H. V. Kamath, Seth Govind Das, Prof. K. K. Bhattacharya, Mr. Hussain Imam and Sardar Sochet Singh were among those who wanted a committee to go into the question

AGAINST CONSTITUTION

Smt. Durgabai said that fixing of higher qualifications than ability to read and write in the regional language would be against the spirit of the Constitution. Sardar Sochet Singh was among those who wanted members to know the national language.

Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh described the resolution as "hopelessly tantalising" while Dr. Ram Subhag Singh characterised it as "medieval".

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa was among those who opposed the fixing of educational qualifications. One of Prof. Shah's supporters retorted: "We want the cream of the country here and not the scum".

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, intervened more than once to expunge expressions regarded by him as "unparliamentary".

HARD WORK

Prof. Shah said that his present intention was to persuade the House to accept the principle that some positive qualifications should be laid down for membership of Parliament and States legislatures different from those of electors. If the House accepted his resolution, a Committee would be appointed to decide the qualifications He wanted to ensure the service in Parliament and State legislatures of a body of men and women devoted entirely to the cause of the nation "Membership of this House," said Prof. Shah, "is not like membership of a club. It is not title or honour or distinction that you can get by 'samjaoing' (flattering) party bosses, manipulating party machinery or satisfying the Press giants. It is something which must be the result of hard work and good service and not of mere statements or manifestoes."

At present, said Prof. Shah, there were negative disqualifications for membership, like lunacy, bankruptcy, etc. No positive qualifications had been laid down but the Constitution enabled the House to do so.

Parliament, said Prof. Shah, was entrusted with the sovereign power over the entire country and the executive Government of the day was responsible to it. But unless the members themselves were capable of appreciating policies and making constructive suggestions and scrutinise the ordinances, they would not be able to discharge their responsibilities properly and the principle of ministerial responsibility to the House would be merely a name.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Mr. Shyam Nandan Prashad Mishra (Bihar) moving two amendments to the resolution said that in its present form it was liable to be misinterpreted by interested parties. Only minimum educational qualifications like reading and writing should be laid down so that the interests of the tribal and other backward areas were not prejudiced.

Members with these qualications and their sense of judgment and understanding could bring to bear a sobering influence on the work of the Government which in every country tended to be "totalitarian".

Shrimati Durba Bai (Madras) said that the Constitution provided that only minimum qualifications could be laid down for membership of Parliament. Fixing of higher qualifications other than one's ability to read and write in the regional language would be against the spirit of the Constitution.

It was uhiversally agreed that members of Parliament should have the capacity and understanding to discharge their duties. But Parliament as it was constituted today with more than 500 members and with the party system of government was a mere "mechanical process" effecting legislation.

Members of the majority party were required to register their assent to the decisions of the Cabinet. In fact, Parliament was a sort of "ornament" and a "propaganda agency" for the Cabinet. Even the poor Press is tired of reporting its proceedings". How would fixation of higher qualifications for membership of Parliament enable members, under the present circumstances, to play a more effective part than now, she asked.

USE THE TALENTS

Shrimati Durga Bai suggested that the Department of Parliamentary Affairs should devise some means to make the best use of "the abundant talent already existing in the House". The "prestige" of Parliament, she said, should be enhanced by making members more useful to the Government and to the electorate.

There should be closer association between the members and the Government. The present system of Standing Committees did not enable members to exercise an effective check on the working of the Government departments. These committees worked in an advisory capacity and sometimes their advice was considered and sometimes not.

This was the "root of the problem" and unless it was solved, no purpose would be served by merely laying down qualifications of members of Parliament. This would amount to putting the cart before the horse, she said.

MEDIEVAL

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh (Bihar) described the resolution as "medieval" and asked the House to reject it in the interest of the vast number of illiterate villagers.

He said that all persons were equally gifted and the resolution, if passed, would create "invidious distinctions" among the voters.

Dr. Punjabrao Shamrao (Madhya Pradesh) said the resolution was "hopelessly tantalising", in as much as it was not going to do any good to anybody. By imposing fresh restrictions on the right of voters to contest elections, the resolution negatived the very right of adult franchise conferred by the Constitution.

He believed that the qualifications for membership of Legislatures laid down in the Constitution were fairly wide and a resolution of this nature was, therefore, not necessary.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyengar argued that a bill prescribing qualifications and disqualifications of members was an inescapable obligation on the part of Parliament under the Constitution.

Some kind of disqualifications should be prescribed, he said. For example, people guilty of offences involving moral turpitude should be debarred. A certain amount of educational qualifications must be necessary if the responsibility of legislative work was to be discharged by the members with efficiency.

Peasants in villages might be good agriculturists. That did not necessarily mean they would be Chief Ministers or Agricultural Ministers. Because a person had good knowledge of a particular thing, it did not mean that he could be a good administrator also.

He would, therefore, suggest that a committee of the House might be appointed to advise the Government on the subject so that the electorate would return in future members of Parliament who might be in a position to give proper advice to the Government in improving the conditions of the people.

NO RESTRICTIONS

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa maintained that members must have robust commonsense, a wide outlook, alertness and enthusiasm for work rather than degrees and other educational qualifications. He was therefore opposed to prescribing educational qualifications.

He knew of a member of Bombay Legislature who did not know either English or Urdu taking very active part in the proceedings of the House. He was opposed also to age restriction. Pitt became a member of House of Commons at the age of 21 and Gladstone at 23 and both had distinguished careers.

There were also people at 80 more alert and keen than the middle aged men. He was equally opposed to residential qualification. If such a qualification was prescribed, from which constituency Pandit Nehru or Sardar Patel could be returned, he asked. In the interest of the country as a whole, there should be no residential qualification. Such qualification would limit the vision of the members to local matters when an all-India outlook was necessary.

DEMOCRATIC TEMPER

Mr. Bali Ram Bhagat (Bihar) opposing Prof. Shah's resolution said it would be "the height of unwisdom" to lay down any educational qualifications. The success of democracy did not depend on qualifications of members but "the democratic temper" of the people.

The masses were impatient for reform. There was great frustration amongst them and they wanted change in the Government. If at this time they laid down any educational or other qualifications it was likely to be misunderstood. Democracy was after all a government not of experts but of laymen.

The success of government under a democracy depended on the role of parties. A party selected its candidates on the consideration of "the law of victory". If a person could lead 750,000 people and could understand them, he was the right person to represent the people.

NO ACADEMIC DEGREES

Mr. A. Rathnaswamy (Madras) said that the emphasis should be on qualifications of culture, integrity, political and personal honesty, and not on educational qualifications at a time when the country was suffering from corruption and want of production. Qualifications of productive labour and constructive work on the part of those who want to represent the masses would be "sound and sensible".

He wanted that no academic qualifications should be laid down. From the history of the world it could be found that the greatest statesman were those who had no opportunities of having academic education. The founder of modern Czechoslovakia had been a cobbler. Stalin had never had any university education. Mr. Bevin had been dishwasher. Any educational qualification being prescribed had the danger of preventing millions of people, particularly amongst the Scheduled Castes and backward people from coming to Parliament.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Seth Govind Das (Madhya Pradesh) supported the idea of prescribing educational qualifications for members of Parliament. Apart from these, he said, persons contesting seats in Parliament should have some record of social service to their credit, a pristine character, and unquestionable integrity. A committee of the House should be appointed to go into the whole question.

Prof. K. K. Bhattacharya (Uttar Pradesh) said that men with special knowledge were needed in Parliament, and it was necessary to lay down educational qualifications.

Sardar Sochet Singh (Patiala and East Punjab States Union) urged that among the educational qualifications to be presented should be knowledge of the national language. Otherwise, he said, the House would become a "Tower of Babel". There was possibility of the House succumbing to the "tyranny" of the miscroscopic intellectual group if no educational qualifications were prescribed.

Mr. Hussain Imam (Bihar) said that fixing of qualifications for members was imperative. Unless members knew English or Hindi the business of the House could not be conducted.

NO CRITERION

Chaudhari Ranbir Singh (Punjab), opposing the resolution as well as the proposal for a committee, said that non-graduates like the late Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan had proved abler administrators than graduates while seers like Kabir who had had little or no education in the sense ordinarily understood, had built up the nation.

On the other hand, he knew professors who had proved failures as parliamentarians. Then there was the example of Herr Hitler, a non-graduate, who "in such a short time took Germany to a greater pitch than any graduate could have done".

Chaudhari Ranbir Singh had not concluded when the House adjourned till tomorrow.

PARLIAMENT TO DISCUSS E. BENGAL SITUATION

Budget Session Extended Upto April 19

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI).

PARLIAMENT will discuss again the East Bengal situation during the current budget session which has been extended upto April 19.

Announcing the Government programme in Parliament today Mr Satyanarayan Sinha, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs stated that it might not be possible to spare one full day for the purpose, but Government would find adequate time for the discussion of this matter. A further announcement regarding the date would be made in due course.

The Insurance (Amendment) Bill, a major legislation on which the Select Committee has already reported will be taken up during the current session and the Government plans to pass it The other important Bills which the Government propose to get passed include the administration of Evacuee Property Bill, the Representation of People Bill, the Industries Development and Control Bill, the Displaced Persons (Claims) Bill and the Bhopal and Vindhyapradesh Courts Bill.

Mr. Sinha explained that the Ordinance regarding the administration Evacuee Property Bill was due to expire on April 17th and it was, therefore, proposed to take up further consideration of the Bill on April 10 and to pass it well in advance of the date of expiry of the Ordinance. He requested the Speaker to reallot April 10 for official business and April 19 to private members' Bills

Mr. Sinha, however, promised to reconsider the position on the suggestion of the Speaker in regard to the allotment of the day for private members' Bills

Red Cross Treasurer

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI): Mr. Brij Narayan, Joint Secretary to the Ministry of Finance has been appointed Honorary Treasurer of the Indian Red Cross Society and allied funds with effect from April 1, a Red Cross Office announcement said today.

GEOGRAPHY AND THE M. P.

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI).

MR. MAHAVIR TYAGI, M.P., had some "little trouble" about geography in Parliament today.

The Agriculture Minister, who was answering a question on the exploitation of timber resources in South Andamans, was asked by the member, "is it a fact, Sir, that virgin forests in Ceylon are lying unexploited?"

The House roared with laughter as the Minister replied "Ceylon is not in India."

Mr. Tyagi later corrected that he had meant the Andamans.

BRISK WORK IN BENGAL

13,400 Blackmarketers Booked

CALCUTTA, April 4 (PTI): Sixteen thousand and five hundred cases were instituted on charges of profiteering and blackmarketing in West Bengal during 1949, according to Mr. R. K. Mitra, Special Officer of the Anti-Corruption and Enforcement Department of the State.

Speaking at a function here today, Mr. Mitra said that, in these cases, about 13,400 persons had been convicted and nearly four lakhs of rupees realised as fines

During the year, 287 persons had been externed from various places and 130 shops in the border areas closed, Mr. Mitra added. Articles valued at Rs. 8,14,000 were seized by the Department.

Mr. Mitra invited public co-operation in dealing with corrupt officers and cases of blackmarketing

DETENUS' PETITIONS DISMISSED

New Orders Not Challenged

MADRAS, April 4. (PTI): Justices Govinda Menon and Basheer Ahamed Sayeed dismissed a batch of habeas corpus petitions filed on behalf of 87 detenus today at the Madras High Court.

It was pointed out by the Government pleader that 43 of the petitioners had already been ordered to be released, Regarding the remaining 44 detens, the orders issued against them, under the Madras Maintenance of Public Order Act, had been cancelled and fresh orders under the Preventive Detention Act 1950 (Central Act) had been served on them.

In view of this Their Lordships held that petitions of those who had been ordered to be released were infructuous and dismissed them.

Their Lordships also dismissed the petitions on behalf of the rest of the detenus inasmuch as they were not at present detained under the Maintenance of Public Order Act the validity of which was questioned.

Their Lordships added they were detained under fresh orders under the Preventive Detention Act the validity of which had not been questioned in the petitions.

8,000 REFUGEES IN SHILLONG

SHILLONG, April 4 (PTI): About 6,000 refugees have taken shelter in eleven relief camps set up in Shillong in addition to about 2,000 others accommodated in private houses.

The Assam Governor, Mr. Shri Prakasa, paid a visit to these camps today.

Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, Chief Minister of Assam, left for Dawki, the extreme point on the Indian border, whereabout 6,000 refugees have been collected and are awaiting transport.

Sentenced For Anti-State Activities

NEW DELHI, April 4 (PTI): A Delhi magistrate today sentenced one Kewal Singh, a Sikh resident of Paharganj, to one year's rigorous imprisonment for having exhorted people to boycott Republic Day celebrations on January 26, in the capital.

Singh was arrested on January 13 for carrying on anti-State propaganda in a public street. He is believed to have been extended from Bombay on May 24, 1949, for anti-State activities there.

Restrictions On Carrying Country Spirit In Punjab

SIMLA, April 4 (PTI): The Punjab Government has prohibited carrying of country spirit in any quantity by persons travelling by or occupying a seat in public service vehicles, tonga, bicycle motor bicycle, or on horse back or by any other means of transport within five mile radius of the local limits of a municipality, cantonment, small town or notified area in the Punjab except with a permit, it was officially announced today.

Black Flags Greet G. D. Birla

(From Our Correspondent)

JAIPUR, April 3.

Black flag demonstrations at the gate of Town Hall where Mr. G. D. Birla, the industrialist, had gone to perform the inauguration ceremony of the Rajasthan Chamber of Commerce and Industries, were organised last week. Many people gathered and nearly 15 black flags and placards (Birla go back) were shown. All the flags and placards were snatched by the local police and C.I.D. officers and some agitation was created.

QUESTION HOUR

NO SERIOUS DAMAGE TO DAMS IN DAMODAR VALLEY

Question About Alcoholic Content Of "Soma Rasa!"

NEW DELHI, April, 4, (PTI): Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Railways, said in Parliament today in reply to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa that revised scales of pay based on the Central Pay Commission's recommendations had been sanctioned for the B. N. Railway school teachers. Refixation of pay and payment of arrears had, however, not been completed.

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power, said in Parliament today in reply to Mr. R. K. Sidhawa that from January 1, 1949 to March 15 1950, 124 buildings were requistioned in Delhi and 34 in other parts of the country by the Central Government.

Replying to Mr Deshbandhu Gupta, Mr Gadgil said that Government had already made it clear that 50 per cent of the new construction would not be requisitioned. In any case, no new construction exclusively for the use of the owner would be requisitioned.

FEW MAN HOURS LOST

Mr K Santhanam, Minister of State for Railways, said in reply to Seth Govind Das in Parliament today the number of man hours lost in railway workshops at Ajmer, Jodhpur, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Delhi during 1948-49 was 79,576 while the total loss in 1949-50 was only 45.

Mr. Hanumanthaiya: What is the improvement due to?"

Mr. Santhanam: Better relations between management and Labour (laughter).

Mr. Santhanam told Seth Govind Das that the gross realisation from unclaimed consignments auctioned during 1949 on the E.I.O.T.M.S.M. and B. B. & C.I. Railways was about 3.40 lakhs.

STANDARD WEIGHTS

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, said in Parliament today in reply to Mr. Upendranath Barman that the subcommittee appointed by the Indian Standards Institution had recommended the introduction of uniform weights and measures throughout the country in three stages to be completed in 15 years. Its report was now under the consideration of the Ministry of Industry and Supply.

Mr. Khurshed Lal, Deputy Minister of Communications, assured Mr. R. K. Sidh in Parliament today that adequate arrangements had been made for hourly weather broadcasts for the benefit of pilots

Mr. H. V. Kamath: What is approximately the percentage of cases during the last 12 months in which the weather prophets have proved false? (laughter).

NO LIQUOR ON RAILWAYS

The Minister of State for Railways, Mr. K. Santhanam, told Dr. Mono Mohan Das that the sale of liquor had been discontinued on Indian Railways from 1-4-1949 In the case of the B. N. R. it was discontinued from September 1 and on the S.I.R. succumbing the portion of M. and S. M. in Madras State from 1-10-1948.

Dr. Das: Is there a proposal to ban smoking? No reply was given

Mr. H. V. Kamath: Is research being carried on by Government to ascertain how far the ancient "Soma Rasa" (Soma juice) is not alcoholic? (laughter).

The Speaker disallowed the question.

RAIL LINKS

The Railways Minister said the question of linking Jammu and Pathankot by rail would be considered when conditions settled down While no survey had been made, from the length involved it would cost about Rs. 6-1/2 crores and it would give the minimum return.

The Food Minister told Mr. Velayudhan that the Travancore-Cochin State owed the Government of India amounts "running into some crores" towards payments for foodgrains.

The Railways Minister, Mr. N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, said that the project to connect Killengode with Trichur by rail had been dropped on the recommendation of the Central Board of Transport.

DAMAGE TO DAMS

The Works Minister, Mr. N. V. Gadgil said it was "entirely untrue" that due to recent rains one or two dams in the Damodar Valley Project had been damaged resulting in loss running to several lakhs. The total damage, he said was only Rs. 7,000.

The Works Minister, in a written reply to Mr V. M. Obaidullah disclosed that 33,222 applications had been received from Government servants for allotment of houses under various categories under the reviewed rules. Against this 2,231 houses were either vacant or would be available for allotment on completion of construction The number of houses under construction was 1182

Mr Jairamdas Daulatram revealed that procurement prices of rice in 1949-50 varied from Rs. 30/- per maund in Uttar Pradesh to Rs. 7-10-3 per maund of paddy II sort in Madras. (1.38 maunds of paddy are equivalent to one maund of rice) The wholesale issue prices varied from Rs 12-3-9 in Madras to 33-8-0 in U.P

The Railways Minister, in a written reply said that a survey for extending the Karimganj Kalighat branch of the Assam Railway to Dharamanagar in Tripura State was on hand. The traffic and engineering surveys had been approved by the Central Board of Transport.

TORY PETITION TO PARLIAMENT

Bid To Remove Strachey

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 4.

Signatures are being collected on a petition to the Parliament for the removal of Mr. Strachey the War Minister and Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the Defence Minster. The petition is being sponsored by the Tories.

The petition refers to 'increasing Communist and fascist activities and infiltrations all over the world' and declares that the revelations of the Fuchs case has shaken world confidence in Britain.

It asks that in view of their past records, the continuance in office of Mr. Strachey and Mr. Shinwell (who have in the past expressed sympathy with the Communist aims) is conducive to the increase in Communist and fascist infiltration activities in Britain and the deterioration of Britain's credit and prestige, 'wherefore the patitioners ppray this honourable House do present humble address to His Majesty to remove these Ministers from His Majesty's presence and councils foreover'.

STUDENTS SOCIETIES CONFERENCE

Mr. V. K. K. Menon's Address

SOUTH WALES, April 4 (PTI): The Federation of India Students Societies in Great Britain and Europe opened their fourteenth conference here today when after a civic reception, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, Indian High Commissioner, addressed nearly 50 delegates representing 2,200 students.

The conference was being held in South Wales for the first time, and the High Commissioner paid tribute to the help the Welsh miners and dockers had given to India in her struggle for independence.

Since that had been achieved, he continued, India had made great progress and they were hoping for still greater trade with Great Britain which was only fifth among the nations trading with India.

Since they had gained their independence there had been a great feeling of friendship and mutual respect than under British rule.

In India they had now reached a position where their exports were as high as their imports. Then they took over their Sterling Balances had been used in importing vital food to relieve famine, but they were now building up their reserves and by 1951 they hoped to be self-sufficient.

The conference will conclude on Saturday.

ANOTHER STRIKE IN KANPUR

Called Off Again Unconditionally

KANPUR, April 4 (PTI)—A second lightning strike in the electricity supply administration in Kanpur this time of workers in the workshop and the mains branch was called off within a few hours of its commencement.

While workers of the Kanpur Riverside Power House were working in full strength after their strike yesterday, those of the workshop and the mains branch downed their tools demanding that they should be allowed to represent their "grievances against the administration" through a council of action to be elected by them. The strike was, however, called off unconditionally in the evening.

The strike did not affect the supply of electricity in the town.

A deputation of the electric supply workers today met the District Magistrate of Kanpur to discuss the situation. The deputationists assured the District Magistrate that they would not indulge in any acts of sabotage and would help the authorities by maintaining smooth working in the electricity supply undertakings. They however urged that workers should not be arrested with the object of making their legitimate union activities impossible.

Pakistan Clerks' Strike

KARACHI, April 4 (UPI): The strike of the clerks of the Pakistan Government has entered its second week today. The clerks, who held a meeting here last evening, decided to raise funds for the support of their families. The meeting decided to expel the Vice-President of the Association, Mr. R. Ahmed, for his undesirable activities and unauthorized statements.

Saar's Ties With France

SAARBRUCKEN, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): The Saar Parliament today endorsed the Franco-Saar conventions, providing for greater political independence and closer economic links with France, by 47 votes against 1 The only vote against the conventions was cast by a Communist.

LET THEM STAY

NEW DELHI, April 4. (PTI): Statues, edicts and monuments, reminiscent of British rule in India will not be removed for the present from the New Delhi area.

This decision was taken at a meeting of the New Delhi Municipal Committee today. The Deputy Commissioner of Delhi had asked the Committee in a letter if it considered any of the statues within the New Delhi limits objectionable.

In New Delhi alone there are seven statues including those of King George V, Lord Willingdon, Lord Irwin, and Lord Reading.

News BRIEFS

GROUSE: About 800 lower grade clerks of the Pakistan Government took out a procession, Tuesday through the principal streets of Karachi shouting the slogan "increase our pay and allowances".

VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE: Shri D. A. Shaha and Shri Dilkhushbhai Diwanji have been appointed by the Government as members of the Village Industries Committee, Bombay, in place of Shri Laxmidas P Asher and Shri S. K. Karmarkar, who resigned.

A MULTIPLE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE of 800 lines was opened at Calicut during the month of March replacing the old exchange of 300 lines.

CEMENT PERMITS: A person by name Mohammad Khan of Nanded is being prosecuted by the district administration of Nanded on a charge of trading in cement permits. Mohammad Khan is alleged to have sold a permit for five bags, and offered to sell more.

SPECIAL JUDGE: The Chief Minister of Hyderabad, in consultation with the High Court, has appointed Mr. N. Kumrayya, First Judge, City Civil Court, as a special judge, to try the accused in the Laik Ali escape conspiracy case.

FOR DEMOCRACY: A democratic convention to consider practical means of safe-guarding parliamentary democracy from "drifting towards communism or dictatorship" has been called at Lucknow on May 14 and 15.

CREST: The design of the crest of the State of Madhya Bharat as originally adopted has been slightly modified. The ribbed abacus has been shortened and its case broadened to conform with the original at Sarnath and the two of the bottommost rings have been deleted. The halo has been divided into four parts, on the basis of spokes of the Dharma Chakra

EXEMPTION: The Government of Madhya Bharat has exempted the whole of the excise duty leviable on such a quantity of sugar, produced by the sugar factories in Madhya Bharat during the year commencing on October 1, 1949, as in excess of the quantity of sugar produced during the preceding year.

DEATH: The death occurred in Calcutta, Tuesday morning of Dr. Sundarimohan Das, an eminent gynaecologist and a leader of the Swadeshi movement. He was 94

DACOITY: Armed dacoits made away with Rs. 25,000 in money and jewellery when they raided the house of Lambardar of Azimgarh, a suburb of the border town of Abohar.

TRANSPORT OFFICIAL SENTENCED

Accepted Bribe

CALCUTTA, April 4 (PTI)—E. W. Sacket, formerly Assistant Director of Transport, Iron and Steel Control, Calcutta, was today sentenced to eight months rigorous imprisonment by the Special Judge at Alipore on a charge of accepting a bribe.

Sacket was also ordered to pay a fine of Rs. 4,000, in default, to undergo further imprisonment for four months.

Another accused in the case, D. W. Staynor, formerly Assistant Superintendent of Coal, East India Railway, was sentenced to eight months R. I. and a fine of Rs. 2,000 on a similar charge.

The prosecution alleged that the first accused in his official capacity demanded from a merchant bribes of Rs. 3,000 for himself and Rs 1,000 for Staynor for priority certificates in respect of 35 wagons The merchant referred the matter to the special Police Establishment and a trap was laid. On May 24 1948, Sacket was arrested near the Curzon Park after the transaction was over Staynor was similarly arrested at his residence and the money was recovered from him.

Angry Crowds Burn Newspaper Copies

KARACHI, April 4 (UPI): Several streets of Karachi were yesterday littered with scraps of torn copies of the newspaper "Herald" the disputed successor to the "Dawn"

Angry crowds made bonfires of the "Herald" as boycotting hawkers refused to sell copies of the same

A THRICE DAY WONDER

KARACHI April (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Karachi daily "Dawn" reappeared this morning under its original name after being published under the name "Herald" for 3 days.

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Preventive Detention Act Held 'Ultra Vires'

ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT JUDGMENT

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

ALLAHABAD, April 4.

A division bench of the Allahabad High Court consisting of Mr. Justice Dayal and Justice Bhargava held that Section three sub-section 1, clause (A), sub-clauses 2 and 3 in the recent act enacted by Parliament relating to making of detention orders in order to prevent a person from acting in any manner prejudicial to maintenance of public order or maintenance of services essential to community was 'ultra vires' and void.

It was held that the law in this instance adversely affected the freedom of the individual mentioned in Article 19(1) of the Constitution.

This was an application made by Nandkishore who was being detained under section 3 of the Preventive Detention Act IV of 1950. The applicant's contention was that the abovementioned provisions took away the right to freedom of speech and expression which has been guaranteed to every citizen under Article 19(1).

Justice Dayal, in the course of his judgment, said that there was no dispute that freedom of speech and expression did not mean absolute right of speech, expressing whatever one felt like speaking or expressing. If the law giving this right laid down limitation, it was right that the curtailment of this right was justified by those limitations. It should not be for courts to lay down further limitations if the courts were free to add the limitation.

His Lordship had no doubt that the law of preventive detention affected adversely the freedom notioned in article 19 (1). The person in detention was not free to act as he pleased; he was bound to conform to discipline and conditions of detention.

It would follow, therefore, merely because the legislature was given powerto legislate about preventive detention, it did not mean that the law about preventive detention should be framed in such a way as might lead to encroachment of various freedoms. If provisions about deprivation of personal liberty were to be independent of provisions in Article 19 one would have expected reference to this in the Constitution. There was no such reference. The moment the person was deprived of his personal liberty by detention, he was deprived of his rights to various freedoms, as in detention he could not exercise any of those rights.

NO EXCEPTION

He was of the opinion that there was nothing in Article 20 to 22 of the Constitution which showed that the law of preventive detention was an exception and it would deprive the citizen of the various freedoms to which he had right under article 19 (1).

The judge was further of the opinion that the impugned provisions in Section 3 were not provisions providing for preventive detention for reasons connected with security of the State and therefore it did not come within the expression "any matter which undermines security or tends to overthrow the State" in Article 19 (2) of the Constitution. He was of the opinion that this general provision in Section 3 empowering the detaining authority to detain a person to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public order or maintenance of supplies and essential services to the community was capable of encroaching the rights of freedom which are not mentioned in Article 19 (2) of the Constitution.

His Lordship did not think Section 14 of the Act was "ultra vires;" so as the court could not order the Government to disclose the grounds of detention holding the applicant's detention illegal. His Lordhip ordered his release forthwith.

Justice Bhargava agreed with Justice Dayal.

Palestine Commission Chief For Middle East

GENEVA, April 4 (PTI)—M. Claude de Boisanger, French Chairman of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, left here today for important consultations in the Middle East. It was understood that his visit is directly connected with the Commission's "New Formula' outlined in a secret note handed on March 29 to the Geneva dtlegates of Israel, Jordan, Syria, the Lebanon and Egypt.

Heavy Floods In New South Wales

SYDNEY, April 3 (PTI-Reuter).—Hundreds abandoned their homes and fled from rising flood waters in New South Wales today as torrential rain turned rich farm land into an inland sea.

The swollen Macquarie and Lachlan rivers sprawling over their banks have cut off townships, put roads under water, and cut off rail and telephone communication.

The Wagga district, devastated by floods last week, faces a new threat, and worst floods for years have inundated rich farm land in Victoria, where hundreds have left their homes and thousands of acres are under water.

"LAST DAYS OF POMPII" TURN TRUE

LEGHORN, April 3 (PTI-Reuter).—Rain-soaked earthquake refugees, many of whom had fled on Saturday night from a cinema showing the "Last days of Pompii" returned from the hills tonight to find their homes level with the rubble of war.

This worst series of earth tremors in 40 years also hit Pisa, city of the leaning tower. Examination of the tower today showed no increase in its lean, though the ground had trembled beneath it.

Collapsing war-damaged buildings injured five people in Leghorn on Saturday and Sunday. No deaths were reported.

MARSHALL PLAN COUNTRIES

Top-Level Discussions To Be More Frequent

PARIS, April 4 (PTI-Reuter)—Ministers of the 18 Marshall Plan nations here today agreed to disband their European Consultative group in favour of more frequent top-level talks.

They agreed that the Governing Council should meet every two months and the seven-national Executive Committee should have more meetings at ministerial level.

British Foreign Secretary Earnest Bevin supported the proposal of Eire Foreign Minister, Mr. Macbride, to hold council meetings on fixed dates—the first Friday of every other month.

The Portuguese delegate opposed the suggestion.

The Ministers, after 2,1/2 hours this morning, were meeting again this afternoon to elect a chairman of the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation.

Dutch Foreign Minister Dirk Stikker was favoured for the post which, if elected, he would fill in addition to his present liaison job as 'political mediator' between Marshall Plan nations.

EXCHANGE OF FIRE WITH SMUGGLERS

JULLUNDUR, April 4. (PTI): The Punjab armed border police yesterday exchanged fire with four smugglers who were seen trying to cross over to Pakistan.

The smugglers escaped into Pakistan territory, leaving behind 400 yards of imitation silk.

BUENOS AIRES, April 4. (PTI): A 48-hour seamen's strike today paralysed 98 per cent of this busy sea port's activities.

The General Confederation of Marine Workers Union called the walkout on demands for better welfare and economic conditions.

SERETSE'S HOME-COMING

RUTH KHAMA stood on Mahalapye Airfield excitedly waving her umbrella as SERETSE KHAMA'S plane came in low—then it zoomed up—and away—Ruth's eyes filled with tears. The crowd of Bamangwato tribesmen groaned... The machine was to have landed at Mahalapye for refuelling on its way from Livingstone (Northern Rhodesia) to Gabarones (Bachauanaland) the last stretch of Seretse's flight from England. Ruth said that District Commissioner, RICHARD SULLIVAN, at Serowe, the Bamanguato capital had told her that there was no objection to her seeing her husband for ten minutes... Assistant Commissioner MacLaren went with her to the airfield but later High Commissioner SIR EVELYN BARING had sent a message that the pilot must not land under any circumstances" at Mahalapye, which is in tribal territory. At Gaberones a crowd of Bamangwato lined the airfield—a great roar went up as Seretse stepped out of his plane—and greeted his headsmen.
SERETSE KHAMA (right) is welcomed to Gaberones by SETOKILE one of his headsman—from Serowe.

Air Transport Enquiry Body Finalises Questionnaire

AUSTRALIAN EXPERT SAYS GREAT SCOPE FOR EXPANSION

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

THE Air Transport Enquiry Committee, after 11 days' sitting in Bombay, concluded its second session yesterday, and finalised the questionnaire, which will be issued in a week's time.

The questionnaire, which is a comprehensive one dealing with all the aspects of the air transport industry in India, has been formulated carefully with a view, it is understood, to seek uniform information with regard to operational and financial statistics, cost of service, scales of fares and freights, and facilities for training of technical personnel, for overhaul of aircrafts and working of the Air Transport Licensing Board.

The questionnaire will be issued to the airline companies, representatives of the Central Government, the State governments, the individuals who had submitted memorandum to the Committee on the air transport industry in India earlier and others who would ask for the questionnaire. The Committee expects the answers to the questionnaire in about a month's time.

PRESENT FUNCTION

The Committee, whose present function is a fact-finding one, also examined and discussed about 30 memorandum submitted earlier from the airline companies and various individuals during its second session.

The next meeting of the Committee is expected to commence in Bombay from April 24.

An official communique on the second session of the Committee and the questionnaire is expected to be released for the press tomorrow.

Mr. J. L. Watkins, an Australian expert on civil aviation, who has been loaned on by the Australian Government to act as an adviser to the Air Transport Enquiry Commitee, joined the deliberations of the Committee on the last day after his arrival in Bombay from Australia on Saturday.

IMPRESSIONS

Giving his preliminary impressions about the air transport industry in India to the UPI, Mr. Watkins said that India with her vast population had an enormous market for the expansion of air traffic consisting of business traffic as well as tourist traffic.

Mr. Watkins further said that he was surprised to see the relative infrequency of the air traffic in India, compared to that of Australia, where most of the airline companies had as many as 20 services a day on a particular route. In India services on particular route were hardly more than one per day. He also mentioned that the volume of traffic carried by air in India was much less than one per cent, whereas in Australia it was about 17 per cent out of a total population of 8 million. "The people of India", he said, "probably have not realised the benefits of faster travel."

When questioned about air fares in India compared to that of other countries, Mr. Watkins said that although air fares in Australia were the lowest, fares of the Indian companies were much less compared to those of the U.K. and the U.S.A.

He seemed also to be satisfied with the operational standards and efficiency of airline companies in India.

METEOR SETS UP A RECORD

London-Copenhagen Flight

LONDON, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): A British Gloster Meteor single seater jet fighter today set up a new two-way record for the flight between London and Copenhagen.

It reached Copenhagen inn under 67 minutes, clipping almost 12 minutes off the record outward flight from London last month by a four-engined Comet jet passenger airliner.

The Glutton's Buttons

THE Pakistan Times (Lahore) publishes this item from its staff reporter:—

This is the story of a glutton who forgot to button his pants and paid for the omission by sustaining a near dislocation of his knee-cap.

Preparatory to doing justice to the meals at a luncheon party given by his friends in a hotel on the McLeod Road, Lahore, he opened the upper buttons of his pants. After a hearty meal when the party broke, he walked off cracking jokes at his lesser fortunate companions.

His laughter suddenly turned into a shriek of pain as he fell down on the floor. His heavy feet had got entangled into the pants that had slipped down his legs.

The man who implored me to keep his identity undisclosed is making satisfactory progress in a Lahore hospital.

SAVARKAR AND SABHA LEADERS ARRESTED

Measures To Ensure Communal Peace

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

MR. VINAYAK DAMODAR SAVARKAR, 68-year-old Hindu Mahasabha leader and its former President was arrested by the Special Branch of the Bombay C.I.D. in the early hours of this morning when they carried out a surprise raid on his residence, Savarkar Sadan at Shivaji Park, and threw a cordon around it.

Simultaneously, the police raided the residences of the other Hindu Mahasabha leaders and arrested in all about a dozen of them among those arrested the following names were available at the time of going to press: Mr. B. N. Bhagvat and Mr. S. V. Deodhar, two city advocates Mr. Bal Savarkar, R. Agarwal, S. S. Sapre and N. H. Halelkar.

At dawn today a hundred picked policemen with high officers of the Special Branch divided themselves into different parties and proceeded on "operation Hindu Mahasabha" It appears that on orders received at Police Headquarters earlier in the night, the C.I.D. office burnt midnight oil making frantic preparations to carry out this morning's lightning raid. Details of the plan were worked out overnight and the entire operation kept a strictly guarded secret, none but the Home Minister, the Commissioner and the picked officers and the men who were to come into the picture later being appraised of it.

WARRANT

Working on a clocklike schedule the officers who were to carry out the raids, gave the men to be arrested enough time to finish their sleep and only confronted them with their respective warrants at daybreak.

The officer who led the party that went to Savarkar Sadan is said to have politely shown its master Vir Savarkar the warrant of arrest. Savarkar who was given time to complete his morning ablutions, was later taken to a waiting police conveyance and driven off.

The arrests and detention of all the Hindu Mahasabha leaders are under the Preventive Detection Act of 1950.

It was learnt that they have all been lodged in the Arthur Road Jail, where all facilities and comforts provided to political prisoners, are being accorded to them.

The Government of Bombay in an official press note state that in view of the present conditions, it has been found necessary in the interests of public safety, to detain some leaders and active workers of the Hindu Mahasabha in Bombay and Poona. The press note adds that the arrests have been made on the basis of sound information relating to the activities of the Hindu Mahasabha.

Some arrests have been made of persons who are believed to have been collecting arms for the purpose of assassinating political leaders, it is learnt in Bombay today.

While the names of those arrested in this connection are not available, it is reliably learnt that one of them is a Rationing Inspector of the Government of Bombay, who was taken into custody a couple of weeks ago.

The following Hindu Mahasabhaites have been arrested in Poona:—S. M. Mate, G. V. Ketkar, F. R. Date and G. M. Nalavade.

Arrest In Sangli

SAGLI: Mr. K. B. Limaye, a local Hindu Mahasabha worker and R.S.S. leader, was arrested by Sangli police this morning under the Preventive Detention Act.

PROTEST MEETING DISALLOWED

Order On Madhyapradesh Sabha Leaders

NAGPUR, April 4. (PTI): The District Magistrate, Nagpur, has refused permission for the holding of a public meeting by the Nagpur Nagar Hindu Mahasabha to protest against the restrictive orders passed on Dr. N. B. Khare, President of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha, and other leaders.

An order under the C.P. and Berar Public Safety Act has also been served today on Mr. S. S. Boot, member of the Working Committee of the Mahasabha, prohibiting him from making public speech or statement for publication relating to Indo-Pakistan relations. This order will be in force for 30 days.

INDORE: Two Hindu Mahasabha Leaders of Madhya Bharat Mr. Bal Ingle and Mr. Jadhav were arrested by the Indore Police yesterday under Section 54 Cr.P.C.

Mr. S. Dandawate arrived here today under police escort after his externment from Delhi. He was handed over to the Indore Police.

CALCUTTA: The offices of the Bengal Provincial Hindu Mahasabha were searched by the police yesterday evening. Some papers are reported to have been seized.

'KESARI' EDITOR & OTHERS ARRESTED

POONA, April 4 (PTI).—Mr. G. V. Ketkar, Editor of 'Kesari', Mr. S. R. Date, Editor of the 'Daily Kal', Mr. G. N. Nalavade, well known Hindu Mahasabha workers of Poona and two others were arrested in the early hours of this morning by the Poona police. The arrests were made under the Preventive Detention Act.

The other two persons arrested are Mr. J. L. Bhopatkar, son of Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar, former President of the Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha, and Mr. S. M. Mate, a noted Marathi author who contributes a regular column to daily 'Prabhat' here.

SOCIALIST MEETING POSTPONED

Executive To Discuss Communal Situation

LUCKNOW, April 4 (PTI)—The annual conference of the Socialist party which was to be held in Madras in the first week of May has been postponed to the second week of July.

The National Eecutive of the Party which continued its deliberations here for the second day today has decided to hold the conference from July 8 to 12. Acharya Narendra Dev presided over the deliberations.

Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, General Secretary of the Party, it is learnt, gave the executive today a resume of the talks he had with Pandit Nehru on the political situation. He also told the Council of the steps he had taken to implement the Party's resolution on the Indo-Pakistan dispute adopted at Rewa last month.

The executive also discussed certain organisational matters and the thirteen-point economic programme adopted at the Hind Kisan Sabha Conference at Rewa recently.

MEASURES TO HUNT DOWN TERRORISTS

Malaya Mission's Report

SINGAPORE, April 4 (PTI-Reuter): The British Mission which investigated police problems in Malaya earlier this year today published a report which commends measures taken to hunt down terrorist bands and makes recommendations for a "body of specially selected and trained police" to be set up after the present emergency.

The three-man mission—Sir Alexander Maxwell, retired Under-Secretary of the Home Office, who led it, Chief Constable J. F. Ferguson, of Kent, and Mr. A. L. Jackson, Secretary of the Metropolitan Police—said that after the present emergency has passed, the possibility of further attempts to create chaos in the country must be considered.

MEASURES

In addition to the specially selected police force, they recommended the following measures:—(1) High priority for schemes to settle squatters in suitable sites, (2) Chinese recruits should be drawn into the uniformed branch and Asians should be appointed to gazetted ranks as cadets in the same way as Europeans.

(3) The 500 British sergeants recruited on two-year agreements in 1948 should be offered re-engagements for a further three years with an increase in pay of at least 100 straights dollars monthly, (4) A Welfare Officer should be appointed to advise the Police Chief on matters affecting the welfare and pay of the force.

(5) No more British Inspectors should be recruited and (6) Police vehicles operating in the jungle should be armoured, and high priority should be given for wireless communications for jungle squads.

The Mission found "that measures for hunting down terrorist bands are being planned with care and executed with resolution".

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

THE report that M.P.'s forgot to shout aye in Parliament and nearly lost the Ajmer Tenancy and Land Records Bill, is peculiarly gratifying to me. But before I explain, was the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, who was in the Chair, right in calling for the shout? It seems rather like leading question put by defence counsel in Court and should be condemned.

Not very long ago, I was taken, very much against my will, to a meeting with the very strict warning that my presence was only in order to give support to the friend who took me along. In the middle of a very heated controversy, I saw light and, thinking that I was an exception in that room, I asked my friend if I could move an amendment to the resolution he was holding forth on. To my extreme surprise, he turned hotly on me. I was his supporter and that was that. I expostulated that I had understood by "support" moral support. My friend, an irate man, shouted, "What? So you think I wanted moral support? If it is moral support, can I not get it from anybody in the room who is a reasonable man? What I want is immoral support—yes, please don't mistake me, immoral support." As I feared he might have an apoplectic strike—these bull-necked chaps have to be softly handled—I subsided. Then as the fury of words seemed unabating, I dosed off into a tired sleep

Something woke me up suddenly. It was perhaps the sudden silence: it may have been the angry glare of hatred, loathing and disgust which contorted my friend's face as he bent his unwinking eyes on me; it may have been the amused titter that was going round the room; it may even have been the bewildered gaze of the meek chairman who was uneasily shifting in his chair. Who am I to judge of these things? But I awoke. And then I knew that I was just in time.

In the bleary eyes of the enemies of my friend, I saw a look of triumph, the more pleasing as it was quite unexpected. With that flash of wisdom that comes to us in our half-waking hours, I shot up to my feet. "Mr. Chairman," I roared—how loudly shouts the nervous fellow forced to speak for himself, "I support the resolution moved by my esteemed friend,——."

On the massive face of my patron I saw the beatitude of acute relief. It was as though a disillusioned father saw the flicker of intelligence in the face of his idiot son.

Unfortunately, Mr. Chairman was a slow-witted fellow. With a dull and ugly look on his face, he turned his head in my direction. He had obviously not expected to see Blucher turn up to the rescue of Wellington at the nick of time and he behaved just as Napoleon did—lost the encounter. But not before he had one vicious thrust at me. "What do you support?" he asked only the ready willingness of my friend to repeat at tedious length all that he had said before saved my predicament. "All right," he hastily concluded "let us vote on it." The resolution was lost but not for want of a seconder.

I can understand the M.P.s' position. But how did all of them get that way at the same time?

Counsellor

Loyd V. Steera, new Counsellor of the American Embassy at New Delhi. A veteran of 24 years' service abroad, Steera replaces Howard Donavan who has returned to Washington on leave, prior to taking up a new assignment.

RUSSIA ADOPTING NAZI TACTICS

Mr. McCloy's Charge

LONDON, April 4 (PTI): United States High Commissioner for Germany Mr. John J. McCloy tonight accused the Kremlin of seeking to widen the East-West gap in Germany with Nazi tactics. But he gave this pledge: "The Communists will not succeed in taking over the city of Berlin. We shall stay in Berlin. The British, the French and the Americans are fully determined and fully united. The free men and women of the city will not permit it and we will not permit it.'

Mr. McCloy, guest of honour, told the Pilgrims Society dinner that to achieve security not only must Germany be militarily restricted and democratised but she must also become part of a United Europe.

MUTT AND JEFF—Mayb e Jeff Better Tear It Up A nd Charge It To 'Overhead' By BUD FISHER

MUTT, I WAS JUST WONDERIN' IF I MAILED THIS LETTER TODAY, WOULD IT GET TO CHICAGO TOMORROW?
SURE IT WOULD!
IT WOULD? GOSH, THAT'S FUNNY!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY ABOUT THAT? WE'VE GOT EXCELLENT MAIL SERVICE NOWADAYS!
BUT IT'S ADDRESSED TO NEW YORK!
NEW YORK? THEN WHY CHA ASK ME IF IT WOULD GET TO CHICAGO TOMORROW?
MY GIRL LIVES IN CHICAGO!
THEN WHY SEND IT TO NEW YORK?
BECAUSE I DON'T WANT MY GIRL IN CHICAGO TO GET IT!
IF YA DON'T WANT HER TO GET IT--WHY WRITE HER?
I'M NOT! THIS IS A LETTER TO MY GIRL IN NEW YORK, WHO I LIKE BETTER--I THINK!

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